

Study of John 7
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John 7:1-53

1 After these things Yeshua walked in Galilee

(גליל or גלילה, means, the turning of a folding door, pillar, cylinder, roll, it means, district, region, rolling, wrapping):

*For he would **NOT** walk in **Judea**, because the Jews sought to kill Him.*

Now this statement does not mean much, **IF** we do not understand the situation that existed during the time that Messiah was here on earth with us. The northern province of Galilee was decisively distinct, in history, political status, and culture, from the southern province of Judea which contained the holy city of Jerusalem.

1. *Racially* the area of the former Northern Kingdom of Yisrael had had, ever since the Assyrian conquest in the eighth century B.C., a more mixed population, within which more conservative Jewish areas (like Nazareth and Capernaum) stood in close proximity to largely pagan cities, of which, in the first century, the new Hellenistic centres of Tiberius and Sepphoris were the chief examples.
2. *Geographically*, Galilee was separated from Judea by the non-Jewish territory of Samaria, and from Perea in the southeast by the Hellenistic settlements of Decapolis.
3. *Politically*, Galilee had been under separate administration from Judea during almost all its history, since the tenth century B.C. (apart from a period of “reunification” under the Maccabees), and in the time of Yeshua, it was under a (supposedly) native Herodian prince, while Judea and Samaria had, since A.D. 6, been under the direct rule of a Roman prefect.
4. *Economically* Galilee offered better agricultural and fishing resources than the more mountainous territory of Judea, making the wealth of some Galileans the envy of their southern neighbors.
5. *Culturally*, Judeans **despised** their northern neighbors as country cousins, their lack of Jewish sophistication being compounded by their greater openness to Hellenistic influence.
6. *Linguistically*, Galileans spoke a distinctive form of Aramaic whose slovenly consonants (they dropped their aitches!) were the butt of Judean humour.
7. *Religiously*, the Judean opinion was that Galileans were lax in their observance of proper ritual, and the problem was exacerbated by the distance of Galilee from the temple and the theological leadership, which was focused in Jerusalem.

The result, is that even an impeccably Jewish Galilean in first-century Jerusalem was not among his own people; he was as much a foreigner as an Irishman is, in London or a Texan in New York. His accent would immediately mark him out as *not one of us*, and all the communal prejudice of the supposedly superior culture of the capital city, would stand against his claim to

be heard even as a prophet, let alone as the Messiah, a title which, as everyone knew, belonged to Judea.

All of Scripture makes it quite clear, that Messiah is the Word of the Father, His Torah, made flesh, and that He was sent to earth to teach us, through His exemplary Torah obedient Life, how we are to live our lives, in loving surrendered obedience to all of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 2 Now Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles which the Jews celebrate, was at hand.

I have changed the words of *verse 2* that are used in my King James Scriptures, because, like most of the English bibles that we use today, it says *the feast of the Jews*, but that is a false and incorrect description of the Feast in question; and any one can see that fact, **IF** they care to read **ALL** of Scripture, and **NOT** just the badly translated English Apostolic Scriptures, for this **IS NOT** a Jewish Feast, it **IS** a Feast of Yahweh, that the Jews celebrate, as **ALL** believers in Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, are Commanded to celebrate.

Here again, we have to ask ourselves, **WHY** is this fact, that it was the time of Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles, which is one of Yahweh's mandatory Feast, that the Jews chose to celebrate, even mentioned? It was mentioned to show all of us, that Messiah did indeed celebrate **ALL** of the Father's mandatory Feasts, as we are commanded to do in Scripture, and He did it out of love for the Father.

Verse 3 Messiah's brethren therefore said unto Him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You do. 4 For there is no man that does any thing in secret, and he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, SHOW yourself to the world. 5 For neither did his brethren believe in Him.

Here we see the true heart of Messiah's disciples. They wanted Messiah to do the Works of the Father in public, for the whole world to see, they wanted to get recognition and the adoration that goes along with performing miracles of healing people. They wanted people to see these miracles so that they would believe that Yeshua is indeed the prophesied Messiah, and the message that He was teaching them, for, in the Disciples understanding, if the people believe Messiah, then it somehow validates their choice of following and believing Messiah's message.

Verse 6 Then Yeshua said unto them, My time is not yet come:

What did Messiah mean by these words? In Scripture, Messiah makes it abundantly that He does nothing except what the Father has told Him, to speak, and what the Father has taught Him to do. Therefore, Messiah is **NOT** following His own plans, His own schedule, He is following the plans of the Father, and it is the Father that decides the timing of Messiah's Life here on earth.

BUT your time is always ready.

What does Messiah mean by these words? We are all born into this world with one purpose, and that is to praise, love and worship our Creator, our heavenly Father, so from the time we are born, until the day that we die, we are to do the **Works** of our heavenly Father. Now not

everyone will agree with that, but, I can guarantee you, through Yahweh's own words, that that is what our heavenly Father wants all of us to do.

*Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such a heart in My people, that they would fear Me (the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom), and Keep **ALL** My Commandments, My Torah, **always**, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!*

When Yahweh says that He wishes that **ALL** of His people would keep **ALL** of His Commandments, His Torah, always, it means, that from the day that we are born until the day that we die, our time is to be used to live by the Word of Yahweh, and thereby, be a light onto the people of the world that are mired in darkness, who do **NOT** know the Living Torah made flesh, Messiah, the doorway into the Father's everlasting kingdom.

Verse 7 The world cannot hate you;

If you are part of the world system, *if* you go along with what the majority of people believe, then, you are conforming to the world and its ways, and therefore the world will not hate you, since you are complying with the norms of the world system.

BUT Me (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) *it hates,*

WHY, does the world hate Messiah?

*Because I testify of it, that **the Works thereof ARE EVIL.***

Messiah **IS** the Word of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, made flesh, and He was sent to earth by our heavenly Father to point out **ALL** the Sin, **ALL** the Torah transgressions of the people, the filth, the corruption, the lies, the debauchery, the deceitfulness, and the covetousness that mankind has adopted as a way of Life; and no one wants their mistakes, their depravities, their Sin, their Torahlessness, brought to the forefront, brought in the open for everyone to see, therefore, anyone, such as Messiah who dares to point out their depravities, will be hated by the majority of the people of the world, and that is why Messiah says, **BUT ME THEY HATE.**

*Verse 8 Go up unto this feast of Yahweh: I am **NOT** yet ready to go unto this feast; For My Time is not yet come.*

What does Messiah mean when He says the words *My time **IS NOT YET FULLY COME?***

As I mentioned above, Messiah did everything in and by the Father's timing, and His whole Life, from birth to being crucified and dying on the cross, because of our transgressions of the Father's Torah of Life, was planned by our heavenly Father, therefore Messiah did **NOT** follow His own will, He followed and obeyed the will of the Father.

*Verse 9 When He had said these words unto them, He abode still in Galilee. 10 But when His brethren were gone up, **THEN** He also went up unto the feast, **not** openly, but as it were, in secret.*

WHY, did Messiah go in secret?

First of all, He went to the Feast of Tabernacles, because it is a Commandment of our heavenly Father to do so, and He did it in secret, because, as He mentioned above, the Father had different plans for Him, and it was not yet the proper time for Messiah to be exposed to the treachery that would surely come against Him, because He taught the pure Words of our heavenly Father, that are contained in the written Torah of Mosheh.

Verse 11 Then the Jews sought Him at the Feast, and said, Where is He? 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him:

WHY?

*For some said, He is a good man: Others said, **NO; BUT** He deceives the people.*

Just ponder this statement for a moment! Now, even though it is obvious that I have never met Messiah in the flesh, **BUT** I have sensed His presence in my life, and I have to tell you, that nothing about what I sensed was evil or deceiving, it was more like a feeling of euphoria, a feeling of peace, calmness, security and love. **BUT** here, we are old that **some people** believed that He was a deceiver, which is one of the attributes of satan. What kind of mind could look upon the Living Torah made flesh, the incarnate Father's Grace, who must have radiated the Love of our heavenly Father, and say, this is a deceiver? It has to be a mind that was in bondage to Sin, a mind that could **NOT** discern Truth, even though, the Truth, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh was staring him right in the face.

Verse 13 Howbeit no man spoke openly of Him for fear of the religious leaders of the Jews.

Here we are told that no man spoke of Messiah openly, because of their fear of reprimand by the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism. Something like what we are going through today in Canada and the United States, where telling people that you are a Christian is bad enough because it activates the ire of people, who believe that the Words of Elohim contained in our bibles are bigoted words, hate speech, that take away people's freedom, but it's even worse that that, for people like you and I, who believe that the Torah of Yahweh, the very same Torah that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, is **STILL in full force today**, for **NOT** only are we hated by the people of the world, but we are also hated, or at the very least, shunned and disliked by our Christian and Jewish brethren.

Verse 14 Now about the midst of the Feast, Yeshua went up into the temple, and taught.

Since Messiah **IS** the Words of Living Torah made flesh, **WHAT** do you think Messiah was teaching? This is not a trick question, but many people will **NOT** get the right answer, because they have been taught through their Rabbis that the Torah of Mosheh has been changed and replaced by the Rabbis oral torah, which they believe and teach, supersedes the Torah of Mosheh, and others, who have unfortunately been taught by the fathers of the Christian Church, that the Torah of Mosheh has been nailed to the cross and done away with in whole or in part, therefore, they do **NOT** believe that Messiah, who according to Scripture, clearly **IS** the Words

of the Living Word of our heavenly Father, His Torah of Life made flesh, was teaching the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How does this man **KNOW** letters, having never learned?*

Since Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, when He spoke, He knew all that the Father had taught in the past, because, He **IS** the Word of the Father made flesh, that was taught to Mosheh. Therefore, is it any wonder, that the Jews marvelled at His knowledge of the Word of Elohim, since, as I said, He **IS** the Word of Elohim made flesh.

Next Messiah confirms in His own words that He only does what the Father tells Him to do, He only follows the doctrine, the teachings of our heavenly Father and **NOT** the teachings nor the doctrines of men.

*Verse 16 Yeshua answered them, and said, My doctrine is **NOT** My own, **BUT** it is the Doctrine of the One that sent Me.*

*Verse 17 If any man will **DO** His will, the **WILL** of the One that sent Me, **THEN THAT MAN**, shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of Elohim, Or whether I speak of Myself.*

Here Messiah makes it very clear that the only way that we will know **IF** the Doctrine of the One that sent Messiah, the Doctrine of our heavenly Father, **IS** really from Him, and, that it is really His Truth, **IS, BY** willingly and lovingly choosing to do what He Commanded us to do, **BY** following, obeying and doing His Directives for everlasting Life, by obeying the Words of His Torah, that were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai. Therefore that means that **IF** anyone chooses to reject, discard, do away with, and or change any part, or all of the Father's Torah of Life, they are actually doing away with the mechanism that **PROVES**, that His Word **IS TRUE**, and what it will indeed **DO** for those who willingly choose to obey it, they are doing away with the **mechanism** that manifests the Father's blessings, which is, loving surrendered **obedience** to the Father's Torah of Life, in the very same manner that Messiah obeyed the Father's Torah of Life and taught us to do the same.

*Verse 18 He that speaks of Himself seeks his own glory: **BUT** he that seeks the glory of the One that sent him, That person **IS TRUE**, and you can rest assured that there is **NO unrighteousness** (Torahlessness) in him.*

Messiah says that He only speaks the words of the Father, **BUT**, the only way that we can **KNOW** if that is true, according to Messiah, is **BY DOING** what the Father has Commanded us to do in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. It is a catch 22, **IF** you believe, follow, obey and do the Words of our heavenly Father, **IF** you obey His Torah instructions, **THEN you will know that it is TRUE**, because the prophesied blessings for obeying that Father's Torah of Life will be manifested in your life, when you obey it with a loving surrendered heart; **BUT** the reverse is also true, **IF** you choose **NOT** to obey the Word, the Torah of our heavenly Father, **THEN** according to what Yahweh says, in *Proverbs 28:9* **IF** you **DO NOT WILLINGLY KEEP** His Torah of Life, then **ALL** of your prayers, your requests, shall be an abomination to Him, and He will not hear them, therefore, as far as they are

concerned, the Word of the Father will **NOT** prove to be true in their lives, since what He promised in His word, will **NOT** be manifested in their daily lives.

*Verse 19 Did not Mosheh give you the Torah? And **YET, NONE OF YOU KEEP THE TORAH?***

For as long as I can remember, and I know that it still goes on today, the Christian and Catholic church fathers, have taught that the Jews **KEPT** the Law, the Torah, and therefore, since, as far as they are concerned, Yahweh has rejected the Jews, it means that they believe and teach that Yahweh has also done away with, or, rejected His Torah, His Law. However, here in John, Messiah makes it very clear that the religious leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, then, as well as **TODAY, DO NOT KEEP, NOR FOLLOW** the written Torah of Mosheh, but that instead, they follow their own man made oral torah, their man made doctrine. Therefore what our heavenly Father is really rejecting **IS NOT HIS TORAH** of Life, which He quite clearly stated, **IS AN ORDINANCE FOREVER, BUT** He **IS** however rejecting, the **doctrines of man**, which all man made religions, including Judaism, Christianity and Catholicism have developed, and also believe and follow religiously, or at least as long as it suits them, or until some other man made doctrine comes along that they think is better.

Why do you go about to kill Me, the Living Torah made flesh?

Since Scripture makes it abundantly clear that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting Word, made flesh, then that means that these religious leaders, were then, and still are today, trying to **KILL** or do away with the Father's Torah, the Word of our heavenly Father made flesh. In essence, nothing has really changed in two thousand plus years, for the religious leaders of today, are still trying to bury the Torah of our heavenly Father, they don't seem to understand that His Torah, **IS LIFE**, and that it **WILL NOT AND CANNOT REMAIN BURIED**.

Verse 20 The people answered and said, You have a devil:

Again, I just cannot picture in my mind, someone having the privilege of looking upon Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, the Light of the World, the Father's eternal **TRUTH** in the flesh, and then coming to the conclusion that He somehow has a devil in Him.

As always, people that are plotting evil want you to believe that what **THEY** are accused of, **IS** just a figment of your imagination, and here they make that quite clear, with their question.

Who is going about to kill You?

They are acting as if the plan to kill Messiah is all in His head, and that there really isn't anyone that wants to kill him.

*Verse 21 Yeshua answered and said unto them, I have done **One Work**, and you all marvel.*

The one work that Messiah did, is the Work of the Father which is teaching the Father's Torah

of Life, and in fulfilling His role as the Living Torah made flesh, the Father did many healing miracles in and through Messiah.

*Verse 22 Mosheh therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Mosheh, but of the fathers;) And you, on the Shabat day circumcise a man. 23 If a man, on the Shabat day receives circumcision, So that the Torah of Mosheh should **NOT** be broken; Are you then angry at Me, **BECAUSE** I have made a man every whit whole on the Shabat day?*

Messiah did indeed heal a man on Shabat, and the Pharisees were up in arms **BECAUSE** Messiah healed someone on the Shabat, which is strictly forbidden according to their man made oral torah, **BUT NOT** according to the Father's written Torah of Life.

*Verse 24 Do **NOT** judge according to the appearance, **BUT** judge righteous judgment.*

WHAT IS this **RIGHTEOUS judgement** that Messiah is talking about, this **righteousness** that Messiah says we are **ALL** to judge by, according to Scripture?

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25 And Yahweh Commanded us to do **ALL** these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day 25 And **IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL** these Commandments (His Torah of Life, 1Kings 2:3) before YHVH our Elohim, **AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.***

It is or should be obvious that YHVH wants all of us to judge all things **BY** His Torah of Life, His righteousness, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai.

*Verse 25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, is **NOT** this He, whom they seek to kill?*

As you can see, even though the Pharisees denied wanting to kill Him, the people knew that that is what the religious leaders wanted to do.

Verse 26 But, lo, He speaks boldly, And they say nothing unto Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Messiah?

The people, other than the Pharisees, who heard Messiah speak, believed that Yeshua was indeed the prophesied Messiah, that was to come. Why is it that the Pharisees did **NOT** believe? I believe that Paul gave the perfect answer to that question in *1Timothy 4:1-6*
*Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the belief, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.***

This is what was happening to the Pharisees of Yeshua's day, and what is happening to the leaders of the man made religions of today, including **ALL** the people that believe the **LIES** that these Pharisees teach, they are seduced into believing the doctrines of devils, their man made oral torah, which they believe supersedes the written Torah of Mosheh, the Torah that came directly from the mouth of Yahweh, or the man made teachings or doctrines of their church fathers, which teaches that the Torah of Yahweh has somehow been done away with in whole or

in part. They are hypocrites whose consciences have been seared with a hot iron, which means that they cannot see the Truth, that what they have actually been taught, **IS** a pack of **LIES**.

Verse 27 Howbeit we know this man, and where He comes from:

Here the Pharisees reason that this cannot be Messiah, for they say, we know Him, we know where He comes from, and their minds were filled with the **LIES** of the teachings of the rabbis who taught them that no one knows from where Messiah comes from.

But when Messiah comes, no man knows from where He is.

*Verse 28 Then cried Yeshua in the temple as He taught, saying, You both **KNOW ME**, and you **know what place I am from**:*

Here Messiah is telling them, I am just like you, I was born in your midst, I grew up and have lived among you all my life.

Then Messiah says:

*And I am **NOT** come of Myself, **BUT** He that sent Me **IS TRUE**, Whom **YOU**, do **NOT KNOW**.*

Now this is a very damning statement, for Messiah tells these Pharisees that they do **NOT KNOW the One that sent Him**, they do **NOT** know our heavenly Father. These are the religious leaders of the day that were convinced, and therefore proudly professed that they were doing the Will of the Father, just like the Rabbis of Judaism and the Christian church leaders of today, are convinced and profess that they too are doing the will of our heavenly Father. **BUT** Messiah says, that they, the religious leaders of His day, did **NOT KNOW** who sent Him, and since nothing has changed over the past two thousand years, it means that the religious leaders of today, **DO NOT KNOW** the One that sent Messiah. The word **KNOW** is the Hebrew word Yada, and one of its meanings is, to have an intimate relationship with. Therefore this is telling us that the leaders of any and all man made religions, and those who follow their man made doctrines, do **NOT** have an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father.

*Verse 29 But I know Him: For I am **FROM HIM**, And He has sent Me.*

Messiah makes it very clear, that He **KNOWS** the One that sent Him, which means that He has an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, and the only way to maintain an intimate relationship with anyone, **IS IF IT BASED ON TRUTH**, and **TRUTH**, in Scripture **IS** defined as the Father's Torah of Life, in *Psalms 119:142*.

*Verse 30 Then they sought to take Him: **BUT** no man laid hands on Him,*

WHY?

BECAUSE His hour was **NOT** yet come.

We have to understand that our heavenly Father is in charge, and you can rest assured that since Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, He will be

following the Father's schedule and not His own. Everything is done in the Father's Timing, and **NOTHING** can happen until He makes it, or allows it to happen, and Messiah has made that perfectly clear in the Apostolic Scriptures.

Verse 31 And many of the people believed Him, And said, When Messiah comes, Will He do more miracles than these miracles which this Man has done?

Here the people that have witnessed the miracles that our heavenly Father did through Messiah are absolutely convinced that He is Messiah, because they reason that only the prophesied Messiah can do what Yeshua has done and continues to do. And that includes the wisdom contained in His words, the Words of the Father that He is commanded to speak, and the miracles that the Father has, and continues to do through Him.

Verse 32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning Him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

This is very typical, because when so called leaders have control over people through fear, which is what man made religions do, by saying if you don't follow our instructions, our man made doctrines that we give you, then you cannot be part of our group, and you will probably end up in some kind of cult, and be ensnared by their teaching and be lost forever. As a small example, when Janice and I started our ministry we put on conferences and invited great Messianic speakers to come and teach. At that time, I reached out to other Messianic leaders in our area, and let them know what I was doing and that they and their people were all welcome to come and hear the teaching of these messianic teachers from all over. I should also mention that when we first started these conferences, we did **NOT** charge anything, it was free to all people. Well after the third or fourth conference which **NONE** of the people that we invited from other Messianic groups showed up, we ended up with someone from one of those groups showing up, because they were invited by a friend who had attended the last conference, and was very happy with the teaching at the conference; and the first question she asked me after the first evening of the conference, was, why I hadn't invited people from other groups to come to our conferences, and when I told her that we had indeed invited all the other Messianic groups that we knew of in the area, she told me that no one had ever told her about it. At our next conference, she was there, and she told me that she had found out that the reason the leaders of her group did **NOT** tell them about our conference, is because, they were afraid that **IF** their people liked what was being taught at the conference, they would stop coming to their meetings and attend ours. In other words they were not interested in their people furthering their knowledge of Scripture, so that they could walk even closer with Elohim, by getting all of this fantastic teaching, unless it came from and or through them, so that they could get the accolades.

Here in these verses, something very similar is happening, for the Pharisees could see what kind of influence Messiah had over people, because he **WAS** teaching **TRUTH**, the Pure Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, and **THEY** were teaching man made doctrines that are based on man's finite wisdom, the very same wisdom that Yahweh has said, is foolishness to Him, doctrines that have **NO LIGHT NOR LIFE** in them, but instead, they actually keep people in darkness, in bondage.

Verse 33 Then Yeshua said unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me. 34 You shall seek Me, but you shall not find Me: And where I am, there you cannot come.

Now there are many Scripture that speak about the advent of Messiah, but a person has to be able to read between the lines, and I must say, that **IF** a person does **NOT** have a working knowledge of the Hebrew language, they will miss a lot of those hidden messages that speak of the advent of Messiah. Here in John, Messiah is saying that once His Work is **DONE**, once He has accomplished the Work that our heavenly Father sent Him to do, once He has taught us that it is possible to live a Torah obedient life, through His exemplary Torah obedient Life, and died on the cross, to reestablish the connection that Adam broke through Sin, through transgressing the Father's Torah, He will return to be with the Father, and let the Work that He did while He was here on earth with us, take its natural course, and allow people to make their own choice, to work out their own salvation (*Philippians 2:12*) choose what path they want to walk on.

However He has **NOT** left those who willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, alone, for He has given us His promise, that whosoever does indeed choose to surrender their hearts to our heavenly Father, that He Yahweh would give them a new spirit, and then, this New spirit that Yahweh graciously gives to every surrendered contrite heart, will be filled with His Holy spirit, who is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*).

*Verse 35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Where will He go, that we shall **NOT** find Him?*

If they were indeed studying the Torah and not their man made oral torah, their man made doctrines, they would have known where He was from, what He was here to do, and where He would return to, **BUT**, they did **NOT KNOW**, which simply confirms to me, that they were **NOT** studying the written Torah of Mosheh, but they were studying their oral Torah, which in their minds superseded the written Torah of Mosheh.

Will He go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

As you can see, they had no idea whatsoever where Messiah was going, how He was going to get there, and If He was coming back.

*Verse 36 What manner of saying is this that He said, You shall seek Me, and shall **NOT** find Me: And where I am, there you cannot come?*

Because, they had not studied the written Torah, but concentrated their studies on the oral torah of the rabbis, they had no idea what Messiah was talking about. For Messiah was going to be with the Father, until the Time was right for Him to return, and Messiah made it very clear that **ONLY** the Father knows when that time is.

Verse 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yeshua stood and cried out, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.

Have you ever had to work hard in the hot sun, and then taken a well deserved break and drank a cool glass of water or a cold beer? Then you understand how thirsty a person can get and how much our bodies need water, and how soothing it is to the body, mind and spirit, when our thirst is quenched. Well, this is what Messiah is offering, He is offering Himself as the cool drink that soothes our souls, and as you can see, there are **NO** limitations on who can come to Him and drink of this water, **BUT** once a person does come to Him, and chooses to willingly drink the water of the Father's Word, that Messiah gives them, it changes their lives, and although all of their past Sins, their past transgressions of the Father's Torah of Life, are forgiven, which is what we see in *Romans 3:25 Whom Elohim has set forth to be a propitiation through belief in His blood (since the Life of all blood is in the flesh, this is talking about the Torah obedient Life that Messiah willingly and lovingly Lived while He was here on earth with us), to declare His Righteousness (His Torah obedience, Deuteronomy 6:24-25) for the remission of sins, for the transgressions of His Torah, THAT ARE PAST, through the forbearance of Elohim; THEN* it is up to each and every individual to **work out their own salvation**. And how do we do that?

Even though there are many Scriptures that tell us how to work out our own salvation, I will give you two, and maybe you can go and find others for yourself.

In *John 5:24* Messiah said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears (anyone who chooses to shema, which means to hear, listen, pay close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey, and DO) My Word (the Words that My Father gave Me to speak), AND believes on Him (the Father) who sent Me, HAS everlasting life (salvation), and shall NOT come into condemnation; BUT IS passed from death unto life.*

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what DOES Yahweh your Elohim REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh IS the beginning of wisdom), to Walk in ALL His Ways, and to Love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul, 13 To Keep the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes, (His Torah 1Kings 2:3) which I command you this day for your good? That is the road to salvation that we must walk on, according to Yahweh.

Verse 38 He that believes Me, As the Scripture has said, Out of his belly shall flow rivers of Living water.

If you believe Messiah, it means that you will do what He commanded you to do, and that means, you will believe, follow, obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He, Messiah did, and taught us to do. And here Messiah says that **IF** we do that, **IF** we believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah as He did, then we too, like Messiah, will have living water flow from our bellies, and our bellies are a metaphor for our souls, our essence, who we actually are in Him

Verse 39 (But Messiah said this, speaking of the Spirit, Which they that believe Him should receive: For the Holy Spirit was not yet given; Because Yeshua was not yet glorified.)

The word **GIVEN** is **NOT** in the text, it was inserted to support the false teaching of the church father's of Christianity, that taught and still teach today, that the holy Spirit of Yahweh only appeared in the Apostolic Scriptures, what they call the New Testament. Scripture makes it

abundantly clear that the Holy Spirit of Yahweh was from before the beginning, therefore He did not just appear in *Acts 2*, He was there from the beginning and He has been a part of every believer's life, part of everyone's life, that willingly chose to turn to Yahweh with a surrendered contrite obedient heart. Messiah said in *John 14:18* *I will NOT leave you comfortless: I will come to you;* And He also said in *John 14:26* *But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall TEACH you ALL things, and bring ALL things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you;*

Messiah is telling us that the comforter, the Holy Spirit of whom He is a part of, will come to them to confirm that what He, Messiah has taught them, **IS** the Truth, and, as you know, or should know, the **TRUTH** is defined in Scripture as Yahweh's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting life, and this only confirms what Yahweh has already said in *Ezekiel 36:24-28* *For I Yahweh will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, (Messiah IS the water of the Word, that Yahweh will sprinkle upon His people) and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: AND I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, AND I will give you a heart of flesh. AND I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and I will cause YOU to walk in My Statutes, and YOU shall keep My Judgments (Torah, 1Kings 2:3), and DO them. And YOU shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and YOU shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim.*

Since Messiah **IS** the Words of the Father, His Living Torah, made flesh, it is very clear that Messiah therefore taught the Torah of our heavenly Father to His disciples, and to all the people that He spoke to. And when Messiah said that He would bring **ALL** things that He said and taught them, to their remembrance, He was referring to this Passage in Ezekiel. That the Holy Spirit would come to confirm that every word that Messiah had spoken to them was the **TRUTH**, the Father's Torah of Life, and that then, it was up to each and every individual to choose for themselves whether or Not they will **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of Yahweh to **CAUSE** them to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a TRUTH, this IS the Prophet.

What Prophet are they talking about, when they said that Messiah **IS** this prophet?

Deuteronomy 18:18-19 *I YHVH, will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you Moses, and I will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will NOT hearken (shema) unto My words which He SHALL speak in My Name, I will require it of him.*

The Prophet that these people are talking about is the Prophet that would come in the Name of Yahweh and **ONLY** speak the Words that the Father commanded Him to Speak, He would **ONLY** speak the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and that Prophet, **IS** Messiah, and Yahweh says, that anyone that Messiah speaks the words of His Torah to, **WILL** be required to obey it, **IF** they hope to partake of any of Yahweh's blessings that are automatically activated in the lives of the people, when they willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 41 Others said, This is the Messiah.

Some said that Yeshua, **IS** the Messiah that was prophesied to come.

*But some said, Shall Messiah come out of Galilee? 42 Does it **NOT** say in the Scripture, That Messiah comes of the seed of David, and that He will come out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?*

*Jeremiah 23:5-6 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will raise unto David, a **righteous** Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall **execute Judgment and Justice** in the earth. In His days Judah shall be **saved**, and Yisrael shall dwell **safely**: and this is His Name whereby He shall be called, YHVH **OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**.*

(יְהוָה צְדִיקָנוּ), Yahweh Tzidqenu, where the word YHVH means Yahweh, and the word

Tzidequ, is from the word Tzadiq, which means **righteousness, just, righteous, pious, virtuous, right, correct**).

Since Messiah is called Yahweh **our Righteousness**, here in Jeremiah, we should define what the scriptural meaning of the word Righteousness, in order to better understand **WHO** Messiah **IS**.

*Deuteronomy 6:25 And it **SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE** Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has commanded us.*

Well, **IF** Righteousness is defined as **KEEPING** and **OBEYING** the Father's Torah of Life and Messiah is called, Yahweh our Righteousness, then that means that Messiah, lived a Torah obedient Life and taught everyone that He spoke to, **TO DO THE SAME**.

Verse 43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.

It is a fact that two people can look at the very same facts and render a different, and maybe even an opposite opinion, depending what they have been taught, and believe; and we can see that this is the case here. Some saw Messiah as **GOOD**, and others saw Him as being **EVIL** and some went as far as to say that he had a devil. This phenomenon is still very alive today, for Hitler convinced a lot of German people that the Jews were sub-human and that they deserved to be exterminated, the Irish Catholics and Irish Protestant believers, convinced themselves that the other was wrong, and that they needed to be exterminated, the Muslims believe that Christians are infidels and deserve to be exterminated, and I could continue with a lot more examples of what human beings do to each other, **BECAUSE** of the man made belief systems, but suffice it to say, that there will always be division among human beings until the return of Messiah, and which point Yahweh will separate the wheat from the chaff, and the wheat, the believers will be invited into the Father's everlasting kingdom, where there will be one opinion, the opinion of our Creator, who said that were all created in His image, and that we are **ALL** equal in His eyes, **BUT** the chaff, the tares, will be cast out into everlasting damnation, where it will **NOT** matter what their opinions are.

*Verse 44 And some of them would have taken Him; **BUT** no man laid hands on Him.*

WHY?

As Messiah said Himself, it was **NOT** His time yet, for everything is done in the Father's timing, and **NOT** in man's timing.

Verse 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; And the Pharisees said unto them, Why have you not brought Him? 46 The officers answered, there have Never been a man that spoke like this Man, Yeshua, spoke.

Again we have to take the time and decipher what this is telling us, so that we can fully understand what Messiah is teaching us here. **IF** Messiah came teaching the Father's Word, His Righteousness, His Torah of Life, which He most certainly **DID**, and the officers of the **CHIEF** Priests and the Pharisees said, there is **NO MAN** that have ever spoken the Words that this man, Yeshua spoke, then, that means that the Chief Priest and the Pharisees, were **NOT** speaking nor teaching the Father's Torah, since they say that **NO MAN** has ever taught the Words that Messiah taught. Now the implications of this reality, is very important, for the Christian church leaders believe and teach that the Jews followed the **LAW**, the Torah of Yahweh, **BUT** here, we can quite clearly see, by this man's words, that they did **NOT** believe, nor follow the Words of the written Torah of Mosheh, since those are the Words that Messiah the Living Torah made flesh spoke, and the officers of the Chief Priests said that they have **NEVER** heard any man speak those Words, the words of the Father's Torah of Life.

You might ask **WHY** is this important? Well, this is important because, both the Catholic and Christian church Father's have taught for millennia now, that since the Jews supposedly **KEPT** the written Torah of Yahweh, and Yahweh has apparently abandoned the Jews, according to their understanding of Scripture, then they reason, we too should reject the Torah that the Jews followed so that our heavenly Father does **NOT** do to us, what He did to the Jews and abandon us also. That means, that the whole foundation upon which the Christian church is based, their man made belief system, **IS FLAWED, IT IS WRONG**, and, if followed and adhered to, **it will lead all people who believe and follow their man made Christian doctrine into total darkness**, and cause them to have a deep seated hatred, towards our heavenly Father's choosing people, those who willingly and lovingly choose to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did, and taught us to do.

Verse 47 Then the Pharisees said to them, Are you also deceived?

As you can see, the Pharisees use shame, to rebuke their own officers, by accusing them of being deceived by the Words of **TRUTH** that Messiah spoke, and **YET**, it is quite clear, that they, the Chief Priests and the Pharisees **ARE the ones that are deceived**, for Messiah spoke the **TRUTH** of our heavenly Father, and these Pharisees and Priests of the man made religion of Judaism, **actually rejected the words of TRUTH that Messiah spoke**.

Verse 48 Have any of the RULERS or of the Pharisees believed Him?

Here, the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, the Pharisees are confirming the fact that **THEY DO NOT BELIEVE** the Words of the Written Torah of Yahweh, that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, for they are confessing from their own mouths, that **NONE of the**

rulers of the Pharisees believed the Words of TRUTH, the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, that messiah spoke to them, the Words of the very same Torah, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, that Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh was speaking.

Now listen very carefully at what the Rulers of the Pharisees said to their officers in *verse 49*

But this people who do NOT know the Torah are cursed.

Here, the Pharisees are accusing their own officers and **ALL** the people that listened to and believed the Words that Messiah, the living Torah made flesh, spoke to them, that they **DO NOT KNOW** the Torah, the LAW, and **YET** it is, or should be very evident, that it is **THEM**, that do **NOT KNOW** the Words that are written in the Torah of Mosheh. Well, if that is the case, which of course it is, **THEN** what **TORAH**, what **LAW**, what **WORDS** were these Pharisees believing and following, since they were obviously **NOT** following nor obeying the Words of the Torah of Mosheh. They were following their own man made oral torah, the doctrine men, which is based on man's finite wisdom, the very same wisdom that Yahweh has said **IS** foolishness to Him.

I know that this is talking about the oral torah, the doctrines of Judaism, **BUT** it also applies to **ALL** man made doctrines, of all man made religions, including Catholicism, Christianity and its fifty plus thousand denominations.

Based on what we are being told here, there is only **ONE** true Doctrine that our heavenly Father wants **ALL** of His children to believe, follow, obey and **DO**, and that is **HIS** inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of the written Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us. Amein

Verse 50 Nicodemus (he that came to Yeshua by night, being one of them), said unto them, 51 Does our (man made) law judge any man before we hear what He has to say and before we know what he does?

Here we see that Nicodemus, who did **NOT** understand what Messiah meant when He told him, that unless he was regenerated, he could not enter the kingdom of Elohim, says that even in our man made law, we should **NOT** judge a man *before we hear what He has to say and before we know what he does?*

This is telling us that the Rulers of the Pharisees, the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, *were quite willing to disregard their own man made laws, just so they could get RID of Messiah.* The implication of this kind of evil mindset are really astounding for a society that is supposedly built on Laws, for **IF they are willing to break their own law, to accomplish what they want, then WHAT is their LAW worth?** It is worth nothing, **IF** it can so easily be broken, to fulfill their own desires.

Verse 52 They answered and said unto Nicodemus, Are you also of Galilee?

I hope you can see and understand how they answered Nicodemus, because we have experienced something very similar, here in Canada and in the **US**, in the past four years, with the so called Coved restrictions that the Rulers of Canada and the **US** have put in place. For that **LAW** is absolutely contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights, and the US First Amendment of freedom, and these so called rulers, are doing it anyway, they, like the rulers of the Pharisees in Messiah's day, are actually setting aside the **LAWS** of the **LAND** to serve their purposes, while they themselves do **NOT** follow the restrictions that they have put in place. There is nothing new under the sun.

Search, and look: for out of Galilee arises no prophet. 53 And every man went unto his own house.

They know nothing of Messiah's history, where he was born and where He lived. **ALL** that they know is that He heals people, and that He has a great number of people following Him, and they feel threatened by that fact, and therefore, they are doing everything in their power to silence Him which is what the governments of Canada, the US and many other countries have done to their people also. This is the time where we really have to learn to **TRUST** Yahweh, and know in our hearts that He is in charge, and follow the Words that he spoke to us in *2Chronicles 7:14*

IF My people,
Who are called by My Name, Yahweh,
Will humble themselves,
And pray,
And seek My Face,
And turn from their wicked ways;
THEN, I will hear from heaven,
And I will forgive their sin,
And I will heal their land.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

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