

Study of 1 Corinthians 2

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1 Corinthians 2:1-16

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, I did **NOT** come with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of Elohim. 2 For I determined **NOT** to know any thing among you, **SAVE** Yeshua Messiah, and Him crucified.*

By this time, Paul had decided to take **ALL** that he had learned from his earthly religious teachers, the Pharisees and their man made oral torah, and count **IT ALL AS DUNG**, which means that he believe that everything that he had been taught as Pharisee was totally worthless, and therefore he decided to throw out all he had learned from them; and, he chose instead, to surrender His heart, mind soul and strength, to Yahweh and the Father's Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, and that means, that Paul allowed the Holy Spirit of Elohim to teach, or cause him, to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah, exactly as it was given to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, and, from that moment on, **ALL** that Paul wanted to know **IS**, who Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father was, what He did, how He lived, and **WHY** He would die on the cross for Paul and for the peoples of the whole world. This was very perplexing to Paul at the beginning, because **ALL** that he had learned from the oral torah of the Rabbis, was based on what these religious teachers, of the man made religion of Judaism, taught, which of course was based on their man made religious perspective of their man made doctrines, their oral torah, which is very different from the actual Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, which is what Messiah taught Paul, **ALL** the apostles, and us, from and through the Holy Spirit of Elohim that indwelt Messiah.

*Verse 3 And I was with you in **weakness**, and in **fear**, and in much **trembling**. 4 And my speech and my preaching was **NOT** with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

Why is Paul telling these people and us that the words **THAT HE IS NOW SPEAKING**, were **NOT** given to him by any man, **BUT THAT they were given to him BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF ELOHIM?** Paul is telling them and us that fact, **BECAUSE**, Verse 5 *So that your belief, your emunah, you faith should **NOT STAND OR BE IN OR FROM THE FINITE WISDOM OF MEN, BUT IN THE POWER OF ELOHIM.***

The question that we have to ask ourselves **IS WHAT DOES** Paul mean, when he uses the phrase, **THE POWER OF ELOHIM?**

*Romans 1:16 For I am **NOT** ashamed of the Gospel of Messiah: for **IT IS THE POWER OF ELOHIM** unto **SALVATION** to every one that **BELIEVES**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein **IS** the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Elohim revealed from belief (faith) to belief (faith): **AS IT IS WRITTEN**, The just **SHALL LIVE** by believing, following, obeying and doing the Words of the Torah of Yahweh by belief (faith).*

*1 Corinthians 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **MESSIAH THE***

POWER OF ELOHIM, and the **WISDOM** of Elohim. Scripture makes it very clear that Messiah **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah made flesh, and therefore, that means that **IF** Messiah **IS** indeed **THE POWER OF ELOHIM**, and Messiah is the Words of the Father's Torah of Life made flesh, then we have to conclude, that **ALL** the Words of the Torah of Elohim, **IS THE POWER OF ELOHIM**

2Corinthians 6:7 By the Word of **TRUTH** (Torah), by **THE POWER OF ELOHIM**, by the armour of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, Torah, the Living Word, (Deuteronomy 6:25) on the right hand and on the left,

Based on these verses, and many others like them, we can see and understand that **THE POWER OF ELOHIM, IS HIS GOSPEL, HIS TRUTH, HIS MESSIAH, THE LIVING TORAH, HIS LIVING WORD MADE FLESH**, by whom **ALL** things were created, for according to John 1:3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was **not any thing made that was made**.

Now, there are many other verses that point to the fact that Messiah, who **IS** the Living Word of the Father, the Father's Torah made flesh **IS THE POWER OF ELOHIM**, therefore we have to understand and believe that since Messiah **IS** the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of the Father, since He is the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **THEN**, that means that Messiah, the Living Torah **IS THE POWER OF ELOHIM**. Now that we know **WHAT THE POWER OF ELOHIM IS**, let us go on and see what the **POWER OF ELOHIM** has to say in the rest of 1Corinthians 2 and throughout Scripture

Verse 6 Howbeit we **SPEAK WISDOM** (Torah, Deuteronomy 4:5-8) among them that are perfect, (those that are mature and understand the Scriptures): yet **NOT the wisdom of this world, nor the wisdom of the princes** (leaders) of this world, **THAT HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO COME TO NOTHING: 7 BUT we SPEAK the WISDOM OF ELOHIM** in a mystery, even the hidden **WISDOM**, which Elohim ordained before the world unto our glory:

These verses **CONFIRM that the WISDOM OF ELOHIM, IS** His Living Word and in verse 8 we are told once again, that the Living Word of Elohim **IS THE MASTER OF GLORY** which of course **IS** our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

Verse 8 Which **NONE** of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would **NOT** have crucified the **MASTER OF GLORY**.

This clearly tells us, that **NONE** of the leaders of this world of ours, then, back in Paul's day, and **NONE** of the princes or leaders of the world, today, that have **NOT** willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength, to our heavenly Father, can or ever will understand the mystery of Elohim's **TRUTH**, His Gospel, Ephesians 1:13, for had they understood the mystery of the Gospel, Yahweh's **TRUTH**, that the only begotten Son of Elohim, would come and die on the cross to save the world, they would have done everything in their power **TO KEEP HIM ALIVE** in order to try and derail the redemption onto salvation plans of Yahweh.

Verse 9 **BUT as IT IS WRITTEN**, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Elohim **HAS PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM**.

Here Paul is telling us something that no finite mind can actually picture nor understand from their finite perspective. Now the best way to explain what I mean, is by asking you to close your eyes for a moment, and try and picture, in your mind's eye, what Paradise or the everlasting kingdom of Elohim will be like. **OK**, now that you have that picture in your mind, I am sure that **IT IS** beautiful, peaceful, and an awe inspiring sight, just as I am sure that **IT IS** a place where you feel very comfortable, protected and loved, **BUT**, no matter how beautiful of a picture you can paint, of the place of our eternal rest in your finite mind, the reality of the situation according to Paul, is that we cannot, with our finite minds, even begin to understand **HOW** beautiful this Paradise, or the Father's eternal kingdom, **WILL BE LIKE**. Yahweh will create a Paradise here on earth that surpasses **ALL** of our hopes, dreams and expectations, **BECAUSE**, that my friends is how much our omnipotent and omniscient heavenly Father loves us.

Verse 10 But Elohim has revealed them unto us by His Holy Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of Elohim.

Please understand that the Holy Spirit of Elohim, will **ONLY** reveal Yahweh's **TRUTH** to those who have chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, **BECAUSE**, Scripture emphatically states in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* that the Holy Spirit of Elohim **IS GIVEN** by our heavenly Father to each and every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to **CAUSE ALL THAT WILL ALLOW HIM**, to walk out the Father's Torah of Life, His Directives for everlasting Life.

Verse 11 For what man KNOWS the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so THE THINGS OF ELOHIM KNOWS NO MAN, BUT THE SPIRIT OF ELOHIM.

Now I want you to please understand the importance of the implications of what Paul is saying here; since Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit of Elohim **IS GIVEN TO US** by our heavenly Father, for the very specific purpose of **CAUSING EVERY SURRENDERED CONTRITE OBEDIENT HEART TO WALK OUT** our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **HIS TORAH OF LIFE**, as Messiah did and taught us to do; and since we are told here, by Paul, in his letter to the *Corinthians* that **NO MAN KNOWS THE THINGS OF ELOHIM, EXCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF ELOHIM, THEN**, that means, that the Holy Spirit of Elohim, whom, as I said, Scripture emphatically states **IS CHARGED** by our heavenly Father with **THE VERY SPECIFIC TASK OF CAUSING EVERY LOVING SURRENDERED CONTRITE OBEDIENT HEART to FOLLOW and OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF THE FATHER'S TORAH, WILL NOT REVEAL THE THINGS OF ELOHIM TO ANYONE**, who of their own accord, **WILLINGLY CHOOSES, NOT TO FOLLOW NOR OBEY ALL** of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our Heavenly Father, His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life. I really hope you can see and understand how **IMPORTANT IT IS** for every believer to surrender their will to our heavenly Father in total loving obedience to the Father's directives for everlasting Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His eternal Torah, for **YOUR** eternal salvation depends on the fact that you indeed understand **THIS VERY IMPORTANT FACT**.

As I said above, because of how important this is, it bears repeating, for the implications of **NOT** obeying **ALL** of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life are far reaching, for according to Paul, **ANYONE** that chooses, in their hearts, to somehow do away with

part or all of the Father's Torah, as the majority of Christianity has and continues to do today, for whatever reason, or anyone that chooses to add their own words, such as man's oral torah, and believe, in the hearts, that their oral torah, somehow supersede the written Torah of Mosheh, as Judaism has done, **WILL NEVER KNOW THE THINGS OF ELOHIM**, because, Scripture makes it very clear, that they have, in essence, rejected the Spirit of Elohim, who, as Scripture has said, **IS the ONLY entity that KNOWS THE THINGS OF ELOHIM** and who was given, **BY** our heavenly Father to every surrendered, contrite obedient heart, **FOR** the very specific purpose of **CAUSING** every willing heart to follow and obey the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **WHICH ARE THE THINGS OF ELOHIM**.

Verse 12 Now we (THAT WOULD BE ALL obedient believers in the Word of Elohim) have NOT received, the spirit of the world, BUT, we have received the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, WHICH IS OF ELOHIM; THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS THAT ARE FREELY GIVEN TO US OF ELOHIM.

This concept **IS SO** important and far reaching, that Paul repeats it here again, and therefore, we have to understand that the Father's Holy Spirit, which He willingly gives to each and every loving surrendered contrite obedient heart, actually **CAUSES** every willing obedient heart to **FOLLOW and OBEY** the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay, to follow and obey the **THINGS OF ELOHIM**, and therefore, **IF** someone **IS** trying to convince you, that the Torah of Elohim has somehow **BEEN CHANGED**, or that **IT IS** partly or wholly abolished or done away with, **THEN** you can rest assured that that person, **IS DEFINITELY NOT HEARING, He does NOT Shemah, NOR is he listening, NOR is he being led BY** the Holy Spirit of the Father, regardless of what they say or believe.

Verse 13 Which things also we speak, NOT in the words which MAN'S WISDOM TEACHES, NOT in, nor by, man made doctrines, NOR by any man made oral torah, BUT, by what the Holy Spirit teaches; comparing SPIRITUAL THINGS (the Torah, Romans 7:14) with SPIRITUAL.

What are **SPIRITUAL THINGS** according to Scripture? In *Romans 7:14* Paul gives us the answer: *For we know that THE TORAH (the Law) IS SPIRITUAL: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

Therefore the **SPIRITUAL THINGS** that Paul is speaking of here, **ARE** found in the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life.

The fact that the Torah of Mosheh contains the **SPIRITUAL THINGS** that Paul is talking about, **IS CONFIRMED AGAIN** in *Romans 8:2-10* *For the Torah (Law) of THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN Messiah Yeshua HAS MADE ME FREE from the Law of Sin and Death (NOT FREE from obeying and doing the Torah, Romans 7:21-23), For what the Torah (Law) could NOT DO, in that it was weak THROUGH THE FLESH (IT IS NOT the Torah that is weak, IT IS our FLESH that is weak), Elohim sending His only begotten Son in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned SIN in the flesh (He did NOT condemn the Torah, He condemned Sin, which according to 1John 3:4 IS the transgression, or the breaking of the Torah of Mosheh): That THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE TORAH (Law) might be FULFILLED IN US, who do NOT walk after the flesh, BUT, WALK AFTER THE SPIRIT, (those who are filled with, and obedient to, the Holy Spirit of the Father). For they, that are after the flesh, they that are carnal, DO MIND THE THINGS OF THE FLESH (SIN, TORAHLESSNESS); BUT they, that follow and obey the Holy*

*Spirit, **MIND THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.** For to be carnally minded, (transgressing the Torah of Mosheh) **IS DEATH** (Hebrews 10:28); **BUT** to be **SPIRITUALLY** minded, (to be filled with, and willingly obeying the Holy Spirit of Elohim who causes every willing heart to follow and obey the Torah of Mosheh) **IS LIFE AND PEACE.** Because, the carnal mind, (the mind that willingly transgresses the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay) **IS ENMITY AGAINST ELOHIM:** for the carnal mind, (the mind that willingly transgresses the Torah of the Father) **IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE TORAH (LAW) OF ELOHIM,** neither indeed can be. So then, they that are **IN THE FLESH** (they that Sin, they that transgress the Torah) **CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.** But **YOU** my brethren, **ARE NOT IN THE FLESH,** (you are **NOT** transgressors of the Torah of Mosheh), **BUT** you are in the Holy Spirit of Elohim (who is tasked with the very specific purpose of **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart that will allow Him, to follow and obey the Father's Torah), **IF** the Holy Spirit of Elohim **DWELLS IN YOU** (the only way according to Scripture that the Father's Holy Spirit will dwell and continue to dwell in anyone, **IS IF** that person willingly and lovingly chooses to surrender their will to our heavenly Father in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, as defined in *Ezekiel 36:26-27*). Now **IF** any man **DOES NOT HAVE** the Spirit of Elohim, **THEN HE IS NOT HIS.** And **IF** Messiah (the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh) **IS IN YOU,** your body **IS DEAD,** because of **SIN,** (your body is dead because you have transgressed the Father's Torah, *1John3:4*, and because the wages of sin **IS DEATH**); **BUT** the Holy Spirit of Yahweh Elohim, (His Torah of Life made flesh), **IS LIFE BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** (*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). But, **IF** the Holy Spirit of Him that raised up Yeshua from the dead **DWELL IN YOU** (**IF** you, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit of the Father, have willingly and lovingly chosen to follow and obey the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay), **THEN** He that raised up Messiah from the dead, **SHALL ALSO QUICKEN YOUR MORTAL BODIES** by His Holy Spirit that dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, **NOT** to the flesh, (**NOT** to **SIN**) to live after the flesh. For **IF** you live after the flesh, (**IF** you live a Torahless Life), **YOU SHALL DIE:** **BUT, IF YOU,** through the Holy Spirit of the Father, **DO** mortify **THE DEEDS OF THE BODY,** (**IF** you choose to follow and obey the Father's Torah of Life) **YOU SHALL LIVE.** For as many as are led **BY** the Holy Spirit of Elohim, **THEY ARE THE SONS OF ELOHIM.** For you have **NOT** received the spirit of bondage again to fear; **BUT** you have received **THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION,** whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Holy Spirit **Himself** bears witness with our spirit, that **WE ARE** the children of Elohim: And **IF** children, then heirs; heirs of Elohim, and **JOINT-HEIRS WITH MESSIAH;** **IF** we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.*

I have quoted these verses from the *Book of Romans* to emphasize, as Paul does here, in the book of *1 Corinthians*, the importance of surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life; for, **IF** we do **NOT** willingly surrender our wills to His Will, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of life, **THEN,** He will **NOT FILL US WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT,** and **WE WILL NOT WALK** in obedience to the Father's Torah, we will **NOT** walk on His Path of **RIGHTEOUSNESS,** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **AND BECAUSE OF THAT UNWILLINGNESS TO OBEY THE FATHER'S TORAH, WE WILL BE LOST FOREVER.**

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man, (that would be the man who continually transgresses the Torah, the man that continually sins) does NOT receive the things of the Holy Spirit of Elohim: for the Torah (the Father's eternal TRUTH, Psalm 119:142) IS foolishness unto him (how many people do you personally know, that believe that the Torah, the Law of Elohim, IS somehow partially or totally done away with? When people, actually believe that the Torah of Mosheh has somehow been done away with, then to them, ANYONE, that keeps the Torah IS FOOLISH): neither can he know the Torah,

WHY?

BECAUSE the Torah, the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of Yahweh **IS SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED** (Romans 7:14). 15 But **HE THAT IS SPIRITUAL**, (He that willingly and lovingly chooses to follow the prompting of Yahweh's Holy Spirit, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah) **JUDGES ALL THINGS**, yet, he himself is judged of **NO** man. 16 For who has known **THE MIND OF MESSIAH**, (who has known Messiah's loving surrendered Torah obedient mind and heart) that he may instruct Messiah? **BUT WE**, (the people who have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow and obey the Torah of the Father) **HAVE THE MIND OF MESSIAH**, (and **WE HAVE** the mind of Messiah **BECAUSE**, we have willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender our hearts to the Father, and chosen to mimic Messiah's totally surrendered Torah obedient lifestyle, which He modelled for us when He was here on earth, which in turn, means, that we are allowing the Holy Spirit of Elohim to **CAUSE US** to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah, and since the Father and the Son **ARE ONE**, it means that not only do we have the **MIND OF MESSIAH**, **BUT** we also have **THE MIND OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**). *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, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein!