

Study of 1Peter 2
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1Peter 2:1-25

Wherefore, laying aside

1 -All malice,

(Kakia, Strong's number G2549, κακία, Kakía, which means, badness, depravity, malignity, evil, maliciousness, naughtiness, wickedness)

2 – And all guile

(Dolos, Strong's number G1388 δόλος, dólōs, a decoy, a trick, bait, wile, deceit, guile, subtlety)

3 – And hypocrisies

(Hypocrisy, Strong's number G5272 ὑπόκρισις, hypókrisis, acting under a feigned part, deceit, hypocrisy, condemnation, dissimulation)

4 – And envies

(Phthomos, Strong's number G5355 φθόνος, phthónos, ill-will, jealousy, spite, envy)

5 – And all evil speakings

(Katalatia, Strong's number G2636 καταλαλία, katalalía, defamation, backbiting, evil speaking),

As you can see, Peter names **five** things that we, as believers and followers and or mimickers of Messiah's Torah obedient Life, are **NOT** to engage in. It is noteworthy to me, that Peter mentioned **five** evil attributes that we are not to acquire, for the number **five**, in Scripture, represents Yahweh's Torah of Life and His Grace, for, as I have said many times, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life and His Grace, **ARE synonymous terms**, and I believe that Peter did that purposely, to show us, the contrast between what the people of the world have been deceived into believing, which is the plethora of man made oral torahs, the world's man made religious and or secular doctrines, their own man made laws, the Words that they have chosen to believe and follow, so that we could compare it, to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, which is, His inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH**, as opposed to **the fabricated ever shifting truth** of the world system, which is filled with depravity, deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy defaming, backbiting and evil speaking.

Now, we all know, that a new born baby cannot form evil thoughts, therefore Peter admonishes us to have that same kind of mindset, and not formulate evil thoughts in our hearts and minds; Peter says in *verse 2*:

2 As newborn babes, DESIRE the sincere milk of the WORD. The question that has to be asked therefore **IS, what IS the sincere milk of the WORD** that Peter tell us to **DESIRE?**

The synonyms of the word **sincere**, are earnest, heartfelt, **honest**, genuine, **TRUE**, unfeigned, whole hearted, and honourable. In Hebrew it is a synonym of the word Tamiym, which means, was ended, was finished, was completed, it means complete, perfect, innocent, without blemish, man of integrity, **honest**, upright, what is **TRUE**.

Now, before we move on, we have to ask ourselves, how does Scripture define **TRUTH**? There are quite a few verses we have to know what is **TRUE**, so that we can recognize when the people of the world are lying to us; and therefore I have prepared a few *verses* from Scripture for us to look at, verses that define for us what **TRUTH REALLY IS**, according to Yahweh, so, let's begin with what Messiah Himself, speaks to, and pleads with our heavenly Father, in *John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your TRUTH: Your WORD IS TRUTH*;

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

In *Psalm 119:151* the Psalmist says: *You are near, O Yahweh; and ALL Your Commandments are TRUTH.*

In *Psalm 119:160* the Psalmist says: *Your Word is TRUE from the beginning: and EVERYONE of Your righteous judgments endures FOR EVER.*

There are many more *verses* where we are told that the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, are **TRUE**, and just as many *verses* that tell us, that the Words of His Torah, **ARE perfect**, and that when His Words are actually internalized in a person's heart, that it converts the soul: and *Psalm 19:7-11* tells us more about what the Torah does for us, **IF** we choose to internalize it, believe it, follow and obey it.

The **Testimony** of Yahweh, **IS SURE**, and because **IT IS SURE**, it makes the simple, **WISE**, because they have chosen to internalize our heavenly Father's infallible wisdom, the Words of His Torah of Life.

The **Statutes** of Yahweh are **RIGHT**, and because they **ARE RIGHT**, everyone that internalizes them, with the intent to obey them, rejoices in their heart:

The **Commandment** of Yahweh **IS PURE**, and because it is **PURE**, one's eyes and one's understanding, are enlightened, to His **TRUTH**, and Scripture tells us that when we know the **TRUTH**, it sets us free.

The **Fear** of Yahweh **IS CLEAN**, and because it is **IS NOT, NOR can it ever be soiled**, His fear, which Scripture tells us **IS** the beginning of Wisdom, **WILL ENDURE FOR EVER.**

The **Judgments** of Yahweh are **TRUE**, and **RIGHTEOUS** altogether, and because they are **TRUE** and **RIGHTEOUS**, the Judgments of Yahweh **ARE** to be desired more than gold, **YES**, more than much fine gold.

Scripture also tells us that Yahweh's **Judgments**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life **ARE** Sweeter also than honey **AND** the honeycomb.

Moreover by them, by the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, We His servants, you and I, **ARE** warned: **AND** in keeping the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life there is **GREAT REWARD.**

Why is Peter so adamant in his plea, to have *ALL* of us *DESIRE* the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life?

So that WE, you and I, may GROW thereby:

First of all, we all have to understand that there were *NO Apostolic Scriptures in those days*, what Christianity has erroneously called, the New Testament. Therefore, Peter was teaching his students what he, himself had garnered or learned from the Hebraic Scriptures, what Christianity has erroneously chosen to call, the Old Testament. Therefore, it should be obvious to all who read Peter's epistle, that his teachings, are based on the Hebraic Scriptures, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the words of His Prophets and what they call the writings, which is all the other parts of the Hebraic Scriptures. It is obvious to me, that Peter wants all of his students, all those that listen to and or read his words, his epistles, he wants them to *GROW* in the knowledge of Yahweh, because he understands that *IF* and when a person does believe, follow and obey his teachings of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that that person will grow in the wisdom and knowledge of our heavenly Father, that is contained in the Words of His Torah of Life. When anyone, willingly and lovingly chooses to internalize the Father's Words, they *WILL* grow to love Him more and more, because our heavenly Father's unbounded Grace and Mercy, will become more and more evident to anyone and everyone that willingly and lovingly chooses to internalize the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and the more, they, the believers, will get to know Him, and His unending and limitless love that He has for us, through His Word.

Verse 3 IF you have tasted that Yahweh is Gracious.

Peter is saying that we should *desire* the milk, or the *TRUTH* of our heavenly Father's Word, the Words of His Torah of Life, *because*, when a person does indeed get a taste of the Father's Words of Life, and what it can, and does do to one's soul, when a person chooses to make the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, a priority in their lives, when they seek out His Word, His *TRUTH*, they *WILL* realize that He is filled with Love, Grace, Mercy, and that He has a forgiving nature, for it *IS* His stated wish throughout all of Scripture, that *NOT* even one person perishes. As our loving Father, He wants the best for each and everyone of us, and He has given us the Words of His Torah of Life, as a guide on how we can accomplish that, because, in His infinite knowledge and wisdom, He knows that *IF* and *WHEN*, anyone, willingly and lovingly chooses to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, as He has Commanded us to do, it activates *ALL* of His blessings upon that obedient person, and furthermore, when the Torah *IS* indeed obeyed with a surrendered contrite, obedient and loving heart, it will lead the obedient person onto the gates of the kingdom of Elohim, our heavenly Father's eternal and everlasting kingdom here on earth, where, that person, will be invited to experience, everlasting life at the side of our heavenly Father and His only begotten Son, our Messiah, our bridegroom to be, after he or she have been judged on Judgement Day, and found worthy, because, like Messiah, they too choose to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, BUT chosen of Elohim, and PRECIOUS,

Here Peter compares our Messiah, to *a living stone*. The word stone, in Hebrew, is the word Eben, which is a composite word made up of the word Av or Aba, which means father, and the word, Ben,

which means, son. Therefore the **Living Stone** that Peter is describing here, as our Messiah, **IS** actually, the Father and the Son as One entity, and Peter said that that **Stone** was rejected by the majority of the people of the world, including by members of His own family (Yisrael), **BUT, that, THAT Stone**, was chosen by our heavenly Father Himself, and he goes on to say, that, that Stone is extremely **Precious**.

(Precious, is Strong's number G1784, éntimos, pronounced, en'-tee-mos, it is from number, G1722 and G5092; and it means, **valued, valuable, dear, more honourable, precious, in reputation, held in honour**)

Next, Peter says something that is very important, but, if we don't have the right mindset, we will miss the message that Peter is conveying to us here. He says in *Verse 5* **You also, AS lively Stones, ARE built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to Elohim by Yeshua Messiah.**

Here Peter admonishes us to be **lively Stones**, which means, that Peter is admonishing us to be like Messiah, which means that we are to be **ONE with the Father**, which in turn means, we are to have the **Mind of Messiah**, we are to be as focused on believing, following, and obeying the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah Himself was focused on obeying Him, and taught us to do the same. Peter tells us, that we are to be a **holy priesthood**. What kind of priest do you think Peter is admonishing us to be? Is it a Catholic priest, a Protestant priest, a Jesuit priest, or **priests that are appointed by man?** The answer of course is a **resounding NO**; Peter is admonishing us to be priests, Kohen of the Most High Elohim, obedient followers and teachers of the Words of His Torah of Life, Priests who are **mandated**, by our Creator, to offer up spiritual sacrifices.

That is all well and good, **BUT** we have to ask ourselves, what **ARE** these **spiritual sacrifices**, that you and I, as priest of the Most High Elohim, **are to offer?** They are sacrifices of obedience my friends, obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His Words that **ARE** filled with the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, and manifests themselves, when anyone willingly chooses to **ALLOW** the Father's Holy Spirit, to cause them, to actually believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Peter admonishes us, to be **Living Stones**, and we have to understand, that according to Scripture, a Living Stone, **IS** one that **is filled with, and abiding in**, the Father and the Son, the very same entity, that has Commanded us, to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Therefore, the **spiritual sacrifices** that we are to offer to our heavenly Father, **IS** our unfeigned loving willingness, to submit to Yahweh, and lovingly believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 6 **Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Tzion a chief corner stone, elect, precious:**

Here Peter tells us that it is stipulated in Scripture, that our heavenly Father will lay down in Tzion (Yisrael), **a chief cornerstone that our heavenly Father Himself CHOSE**, and then, Peter tells us that the **STONE IS ELECT and PRECIOUS**. Where does it say that in Scripture?

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus says Yahweh Elohim, Behold, I lay in Tzion

A foundation a **STONE**

(אֶבֶן אֶבֶן, Aben Eben, and both these words mean, stone, and since it is mentioned twice, the scribes have decided to call it, **a foundation stone**, and this word, Eben, means, weight, son of, it is also a composite word made up of the word Av or Aba which means father, and the word Ben which means son, and in Scripture it refers to our heavenly Father and His Son our Messiah),

A **tried STONE**

(אֶבֶן בָּחַן, Eben Bochan, the word, Bochan, means, **to examine, to test, to probe**, was tested, was tried, he distinguished, was differentiated, watchtower, examination, trial, test, examiner, assayer auditor),

A **precious corner STONE**

(פִּינָת יִקְרָת, Pinat Yiqrat, where the word, Pinat, is from the word Penah, פִּנָּה, which means, **corner**, it does **NOT** mean, cornerstone, the word, stone is added, then we have the word Yiqrat, which is from the word, Yiqar, יִקָּר, which means, precious, valuable, costly, dear, rare, high price, honour, prestige, so it means a Precious Stone, one of a kind Stone),

A **sure foundation**

(מוֹסָד מוֹסָד, Musad Musad, from the word יָסַד, Yasad, **to found, to establish, base, foundation, origin, source, principle, laying of a foundation**, and the fact that it is repeated twice, emphasizes the fact that it is a very solid foundation)

He that believes **shall NOT make haste:**

(הַמֵּאֲמִינ לֹא יַחִישׁ, HamaAmiyn Lo Yachiysh, where the word HamaAmiyn, is from the **word** Aman, אָמַן, which means, **to be firm, trustworthy, true, truth, faithfulness, so be it, truly, certainly, confidence, trust, fidelity**, the word Lo, means, **no or not**, and the word Yachish, is from the **word** Chush, חָיַשׁ, which means, **to make haste, hurry, urged, incited, prompted, accelerated**, and this word adds a sense of urgency, which means, that we are not to waste our time on any other doctrines, but that we are to focus on the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, only, and then, commit to believe, follow and obey it, immediately).

Verse 6 continued and he that believes on Him shall **NOT** be confounded.

Why will they **NOT** be confounded if they believe in Messiah, the Eben, the Stone? We are told why, in 1 Corinthians 14:33 For Elohim is **NOT** the author of confusion, **BUT** the author of peace, as in all Qahals, Assemblies, Ekklesia, churches of the saints.

IF, like Peter says, he that believes on the Words of the Living Torah made flesh **SHALL NOT** be confounded, **THEN** that means that the opposite **IS** also **TRUE**, and that **IS**, that the people who do **NOT** believe that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh **WILL BE CONFOUNDED**. When we read what is written in Scripture, we have to look and every aspect of what is being communicated to us, both the positive and negative sides, so that we get, and understand the complete message that is being conveyed to us.

Verse 7 Unto you therefore who believe, He is **precious**:

What does it mean to believe? Well, we just discussed it above, and we discovered that the Hebrew word for believe is Aman, which means, **to be firm, trustworthy, true, truth, faithfulness, truly, certainly, confidence, trust, fidelity**, therefore, it is very obvious what Peter is telling us here, and that is, that, for those who **KNOW**, those who have confidence in, and **TRUST** in Yahweh's eternal and everlasting **TRUTH**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **AND**, who have chosen to be faithful to, and obey the Father's Words of Truth, then, the Words of His Torah of Life **BECOME MORE AND MORE PRECIOUS, TO US**.

However, Peter goes on to say: the people who **ARE disobedient** to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, those that have willingly chosen to reject and or discard the Words of His Torah, His Law, as most of the people that believe follow and obey the man made doctrines of Christianity and Catholicism have done, and continue to do, **AND**, for those that believe and follow the teachings of the Rabbis, and their man made oral torah, their man made doctrine, who somehow believe and teach that the Written Torah of our heavenly Father, that Yahweh personally gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, has now been superseded by their own man made oral torah, and therefore, they **TOSS** aside many of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and treat those parts that they chose to throw out, as something, that they believe and teach is worthless or expired, and not even worthy of being considered. Furthermore, there is another Caveat, for the people who believe that obeying the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, puts people in bondage, for according to Peter, **THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM**:

*But unto them who are **DISOBEDIENT**, the Stone (the Father and the Son) which the builders disallowed, that very same Stone **IS** made the **HEAD** of the corner, 8 And it shall be a **Stone of stumbling**, and a **Rock of Offence**, even to them which stumble at the Word, **BEING DISOBEDIENT**, to the Words of the Torah of Mosheh: whereunto also they **WERE APPOINTED**.*

Peter is warning the builders who have disallowed the **STONE**, and, he is also warning **ALL** of us, that people who choose to ignore and discard any of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN** the Torah made flesh, which is described **AS** the **Head of the Corner**, **WILL** be a **stumbling stone, and a rock of offence** to them, for the rest of their lives, or, until they learn to follow James' advice, and submit to Yahweh, and become **SUBJECT** to the Torah of Elohim, as Paul tells us in (*Romans 8:7*), **SUBJECT** yourself to the Father, and start believing and obeying the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life.

ALL people, have to learn to understand this very basic premise, they have to learn to resist the devil, who deceived them into believing his **LIES** in the first place, the Lies that state, that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and said was **FOREVER**, have somehow been changed or done away with in whole or in part, **and** start instead, to willingly believe, follow, and obey the Father's Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same Torah, that as I said above, was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, the Words of His Torah made flesh, or else, the Cornerstone, our Messiah's Torah obedient Life, will continue to be a stumbling block and a rock of offence to them.

Peter describes to us, who the people that **fall** into the category of willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Torah of Yahweh:

Peter says in *verse 9*

But YOU

(the people who have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life)

Are a chosen generation

(the only way to become part of Yahweh's Chosen Generation, is by willingly and lovingly choosing to submit to Yahweh, and allow Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit, who **IS TASKED WITH CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will **ALLOW** Him, to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and when anyone agrees to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father to do that, **THEN** that is when that person becomes **part of Yahweh's CHOSEN Generation**. So in essence, **WE, you and I are tasked with the responsibility of CHOOSING** to be part of Yahweh's **CHOSEN GENERATION**),

A royal priesthood

(Priest that are appointed **BY** Yahweh to administer His kingdom, with the Words of the Father's constitution, the Words of His Torah, and teach other people to obey the Words of the Father's Torah, as Messiah did and taught us to do)

A holy nation

(The word Holy means to be set apart, and Yahweh has chosen **ALL** Torah obedient people, **AND** set **THEM APART** from the rest of the world so that they can do His bidding, so that they can believe, follow, and willingly and lovingly obey all the Words of His Torah of Life, and teach other people to do the same),

A peculiar people

(the word peculiar is translated from the Hebrew word Segulah, סְגֻלָּה, which means **possession, property, treasure, virtue, quality, remedy, choice, best, peculiar, specific**, therefore, Peter is telling us, that the people who believe, follow, and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **ARE virtuous**, they are the **best**, the **choicest** people, **AND, BY** their surrendered obedience to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, they have **become the possession of Yahweh and NO one, and I mean NO ONE can ever take them away from Yahweh**)

What will these people be doing according to Peter?

They will be showing forth the Praises of Him (Messiah/Yahweh, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh) *Who is the ONE who has called them out of darkness into His Marvellous Light:*

The word **Praises**, is the Hebrew word Yodey, יָדַעַי, which is from the word Yadah, יָדָה, which means, to confess, give thanks, praised, lauded, which in turn means, that these people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, will be confessing, praising, lauding and giving thanks to Yahweh on a constant everyday basis.

Then, we have the words **His Marvellous Light**, and we are told that Yahweh will bring **ALL** of His **Chosen Generation**, His Torah obedient people into **His Marvellous Light**.

Next we have to ask, ***WHAT IS Yahweh's Marvellous Light?***

*Psalm 36:9 For with You Yahweh **IS** the fountain of Life: in **YOUR LIGHT, WE** shall see **LIGHT**.*

This tells us that it is only by following the Light of Yahweh, which of course are the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, that we ourselves, will be able to **SEE LIGHT**, for the people that are without Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, those people **ARE** actually in Darkness, for Scripture makes it very clear, that apart from Him, the Light of the World, our Messiah, we can do **NOTHING**.

*Psalm 37:6 And He shall bring forth your **Righteousness** as the **LIGHT**, and your Judgment as the noonday.*

Here, Light is compared to **Righteousness**, and in *Deuteronomy 6:25* we are told that **IT WILL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF we FOLLOW AND OBEY the Words of the Torah of Yahweh!**

*Psalm 43:3 O send out **Your Light**, Your **TRUTH**: let Your **LIGHT** and Your **TRUTH** lead me; let Your **LIGHT** and Your **TRUTH** bring me unto Your Holy hill, and to Your tabernacles.*

Here the Psalmist is asking Yahweh to send His **LIGHT** which of course **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His eternal **TRUTH**, in the flesh, manifested as Messiah, the Light of the world, so that he, the Psalmist can also **SEE LIGHT**.

*Psalm 97:11 Light is sown for the **righteous**, and gladness for the upright in heart.*

Here we are told that Light, which of course **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, **IS**, Sown or Planted in the heart of the **RIGHTEOUS**, and we have just found out in *Deuteronomy 6:24-25* that **Righteousness, IS** only manifested when we willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

*Psalm 119:105 Your **WORD** is a **LAMP** unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my Path.*

Here we are told that the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **ARE** what guides us, on our daily walk through Life, it is that **LIGHT** that keeps all who choose to follow it, on His designated path of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

*Psalm 119:130 The entrance of Your **Words** (Torah) **gives LIGHT**; it gives understanding unto the simple.*

Here we are told that the Words of our heavenly Father, which make up the Words of His Torah of Life, **ARE the enlightenment, which gives us an understanding of Yahweh's heart.**

*Proverbs 6:23 For Your Commandment is a Lamp; and **THE TORAH IS LIGHT**; and reproofs of **instruction** are the way of life:*

There is absolutely no way that **ANYONE** can misunderstand this *verse*, for it plainly says that The Torah **IS LIGHT**, and that the Words of the Torah, reprove and instruct us.

*Isaiah 2:5 O house of Ya'aqov, come, and let us walk in the **LIGHT** of Yahweh*

Isaiah is admonishing the whole House of Ya'aqov/Yisrael, of whom we are a part of, to walk in the Light of Yahweh, which of course **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah.

*Isaiah 8:20 To the Torah and to the Testimony: **IF** they do **NOT** speak according to this Word, **IF** they do **NOT** speak according to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.***

Here, Isaiah himself, makes it very clear, that **IF** anyone **does NOT speak** according to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, which means, that the people who somehow believe that the Torah of our heavenly Father has been changed, abolished or done away with, in whole or in part, **HAVE NO LIGHT IN THEM.**

Just think of the VAST implications of this statement!** This means, that **ALL** people who have been lead to believe that the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **are changed and or abolished in whole or in part**, those who believe that the whole Torah, without any additions or subtractions, **IS NOT** for them, **HAVE NO LIGHT IN THEM**, and since the word **LIGHT** and the word **TORAH**, which is our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, are synonymous terms, it means that these people **do NOT have the TRUTH in them**, and I for one, do **NOT** want to listen to the teaching of anyone, that **DOES NOT** have the **LIGHT** of Yahweh in them, for that means that that person **IS a LIAR.

Next, Peter tells us the past condition of the heart of these people, who **NOW**, see, comprehend and believe the **LIGHT**, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and chosen to walk in obedience to those very Words of **TRUTH**. Peter says in *Verse 10 Who in time past were **NOT** a people, **BUT NOW, ARE** the people of Elohim: You who had **NOT** obtained Mercy, **BUT NOW, have obtained Mercy.***

Here Peter is quoting *Hosea 1:10* where it was prophesied that the Children of Yisrael, who had walked **away** from believing, following and obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life had, by their rebellious actions, alienated themselves from Yahweh, and therefore, they no longer acted as the children of our heavenly Father, which meant, that they were no longer the people of Yahweh, **BUT NOW**, through Yahweh's Grace, Mercy and longsuffering forgiveness, Yahweh will once again call them, My people, and the only way that that can happen, **IS** when the people of Yisrael, as a corporate body, willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims,

We are to understand that this present earth, **IS NOT our home**, we are simply sojourning here until our heavenly Father creates for us, a renewed heaven and a renewed earth, and this renewed earth will be our new, permanent and everlasting home.

Peter admonishes Yisrael and us to:

*Abstain from fleshly **lusts**, which war against our soul*

*Ensure that Our conversation among the Gentiles **ARE honest and truthful:***

So that when, they speak against us, as evildoers,

*They may, by our **good works**, (Torah obedience) which they shall behold,*

Glorify Elohim in the day of visitation.

Now, Peter is asking us to do something that is extremely difficult, and that is, to **NOT** be offended when people speak about us *as evildoers*. I don't know about you, but my make up, my character and personality in the past, was, **NOT** to just sit by and let that happen, my personality was such that I would actually stand, and defend my good name at all cost; **BUT** here, we are told, that instead of reviling these people, we are to simply ignore their insults and continue to do the **Works** of Yahweh, continue to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, and let Yahweh deal with their hard hearts. I can't say that I have achieved that lofty goal yet, **BUT**, I am a work in progress, and I am trying as best as I can to do so.

*Verse 13 **Submit** yourselves to every ordinance of man for Yahweh's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 **FOR SO IS THE WILL of Elohim**, that with **WELL DOING**, you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:*

Here we are told by Peter, that as representatives of the Most High Elohim, we are to set the example in the places that Yahweh has placed us, we are to obey **ALL** the laws of the Land that we live in. We can't be hypocrites and say that we obey the Laws of the Father, and then trash the laws of man. That is one complaint that a lot of people have against the so called religious people of the world, they complain that they are hypocrites, that say one thing and do another. Yahweh commands us, **NOT** to be like that. We are also admonished by Peter and by Messiah to obey the authorities, because we are to remember that it is Yahweh that has set them up in that position in the first place.

There is one caveat however, that is **NOT** mentioned here, but that is understood, and that is that we are to obey all of the laws of the Land that we live in, except **IF** that law will cause us to transgress our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **FOR** His Torah, **His Law is SUPREME**. Please remember what Daniel, Sadrak, Meshak and Abednego, refused to keep the Commandment that the king had made, to worship the idol that he had erected, and these four did **NOT** obey that man made law, for it contradicted the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life.

*Verse 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, **BUT** as the servants of Elohim.*

In other words **DON'T** be a hypocrite.

Verse 17 Honour all men.

Love the brotherhood.

Fear Elohim.

Honour the king (even if his name is Mark Carney, the Prime minister if Canada).

These are very specific Commandments, and I believe they come directly from Yahweh. All men are created in the image of their Creator, therefore, honouring them should come easy. However we are

NOT to blindly honour what they do, **IF** they are transgressing the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father. In other words, we are to honour the position that the person holds, but hate their Torahless behaviour.

To love our brothers and sisters should come as easily as breathing, **BUT** to do that, we have to understand, that we cannot be offended at anything, for our **LOVE for the brethren, IS** to cover **ALL** things, including the annoyances that sometimes, are very hard to take. We have to learn to put these annoyances and or offences, aside, for after all, we are supposed to be dead to self, and dead people have no feelings, we are to turn all of these annoyances and offences over to Elohim and ask Him to deal with them for us.

To honour the King, means that we are to pray for him, because he is in charge of the country's well being, we are to pray that Yahweh gives him a heart that is open to letting Yahweh be in control of his life.

*18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; **NOT** only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Here we are told that we are to be subject to our masters and in today's society, that means our bosses, even though there are some that don't seem to deserve our respect. Yahweh wants all of us to live exemplary lives, so that His Name **IS NOT** blasphemed because of our actions, and **IF** we can learn to walk in obedience to His Commandments, and **NOT** complain and murmur, about anything, then, we can expect a very great reward, when we are ushered into the kingdom of Elohim in the eighth millennium.

*Verse 19 For this **IS** thank-worthy, if a man for conscience toward Elohim endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, **IF**, when you are buffeted for your faults, you shall take it patiently? But **IF**, when you do well, and suffer for it, **YOU TAKE IT PATIENTLY, THIS is acceptable with Elohim.***

As I read this, I sensed a level of anger rising up in me, because, I don't like to be treated badly by anyone, **BUT** Yahweh is commanding me, that I must **NOT be offended**, and that I am to turn absolutely everything over to Him, and trust that He, will take care of the matter for me. Again I have to say that I am **NOT** there yet, but I am, like most of you, a work in progress.

*Verse 21 For even hereunto were you called: because Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an **example**, that you should follow His steps:*

Those are pretty big boots to fill, **BUT** we are Commanded **to do so**, therefore, I for one, would suggest that when this kind of scenario happens in your life, that you go to Yahweh, and tell Him how you feel, don't hide your anger, let it all out, and then, ask Him to help you to be obedient to His Commandment of **NOT** being offended, and I believe that Yahweh will help you accomplish what He has Commanded us to do.

*1John5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, **IF** we ask **ANYTHING** according to **His Will**, He hears us: 15 And **IF** we know that He hear us, **THEN** whatsoever we ask of Him, we **KNOW** that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.*

Yahweh always delivers what His saints need, when they ask Him with a repentant contrite surrendered and obedient heart.

*Verse 22 Messiah did **NOT** Sin, **NEITHER** was guile found in His mouth: 23 Who, When He was reviled, did **NOT** revile;
When he suffered, he did **NOT** threaten;
BUT committed Himself to Him that judges righteously:*

Again, I have to say, that this is a very lofty goal, we, all of us, **ARE** to turn all of our cares over to our heavenly Father as Messiah did and taught us to do, and then, let Him sort out what has to be done, **BUT** boy oh boy, *that is **HARD to do**.*

*Matthew 26:39 And Messiah went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, **IF IT IS POSSIBLE**, let this **CUP** pass from Me: nevertheless **NOT** as I will, **BUT AS YOU WILL**.*

Nevertheless that is what we are Commanded to do, therefore, let us start practicing with small things that maybe our friends have done to us, and learn to set these small matters aside, and once we have mastered that, then, we can try, setting aside something that a person we do not like, has said or done to us; in that way, I believe that we can eventually start obeying His Commandment to **NOT** be offended, and learn to turn each and every problem that we have over to Him. Amein

*Verse 24 Who His own Self (Messiah) bore our Transgressions of the Words of the Torah, our Sins, in His own body on the Tree,
So that we, being **dead** to our transgressions of the Torah, **dead** to Sins, should **LIVE** unto righteousness (Torah obedience):
By whose stripes we were healed.*

*25 For you **WERE** as sheep going astray; **BUT NOW** you are returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

Therefore, since we have returned to our Shepherd, let us actually **ACT**, as the sheep that have indeed returned to our Shepherd, Yahweh/Messiah, let us set aside our feelings of being offended, and learn to turn everything over to Yahweh, so that He can deal with it, in His perfect Timing. Amein

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. Shalom Alechem! Amein*