

Study of 1Peter 5
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1PETER 5:1-14

I The elders who are among you, I exhort,

Here Peter is petitioning the elders of the community to stand with him, in spreading the teaching of our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, also known as the Good News, His Gospel of **TRUTH**.

Peter says: *I am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah,*

Peter is not only speaking of the suffering that Messiah experienced at His crucifixion, for I believe that that was only a small part of the overall suffering that Messiah went through. I believe that the real suffering that Messiah was going through, was because He saw first hand the **LIES** that the religious leaders of the house of His Father, were peddling to His heavenly Father's children, and the fact that a lot of them, **if not most** of the people of Jerusalem and Judah, were believing these **LIES**, these false man made doctrines, for Messiah **KNEW**, that unless they somehow changed their minds, and willingly chose, of their own accord, to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, then, they were heading unto eternal and everlasting damnation. And Messiah, who shares the very same love for the Father's children, as the Father does, was in pain because of the potential loss of all of these unsuspecting foolish children of Elohim.

Then Peter says something, that affects all of us, he says, that he **IS** also a partaker of the **GLORY** that **SHALL** be revealed:

What do you think this **GLORY** that **SHALL** be **REVEALED**, **IS**, that Peter says he is a partaker of? The Glory that Peter is talking about my friends **IS SALVATION**, which only happens at the end of the seventh Millennium, when **ALL** the graves shall be opened, on resurrection Day, and all people that have been born, lived and died, since the beginning of time, will be brought before the Judge of the whole earth, Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, to see, **IF** they willingly chose to obey His Words of Life, His Torah, **OR** reject the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. On that day, the people will come out of their graves, and be judged? And according to what Messiah said, in *John 12*, they will be judged by the **WORDS** of the Torah of our heavenly Father.

John 12:44-50 Yeshua cried and said, He that believes Me, does NOT only believe Me, BUT he believes Him that sent Me. 45 And he that sees Me (also) sees Him that sent Me. 46 I am come as LIGHT into the world, that whosoever believes Me, should NOT abide in darkness. 47 And IF any man hears My Words, and DOES NOT BELIEVE, I Messiah, do NOT judge him: For I did NOT come to JUDGE the world, BUT to save the world. 48 He that Rejects Me, and DOES NOT receive NOR believe My Words, has ONE that JUDGES him: the WORD that I have spoken, (the Words that the Father commanded Me to speak, which of course, ARE the Words of His Torah of Life), these very SAME WORDS SHALL JUDGE him in the last day. 49 For the Words that I Messiah, have spoken ARE NOT of Me; BUT they Are from the Father, who sent Me, and He gave Me a Commandment, of WHAT I should SAY, and WHAT I should SPEAK (which of course ARE the Words of His Torah of

Life, *Proverbs 3:1 My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah (Law); **BUT** let your heart keep My Commandments): 50 And I know that His Commandment **IS** Life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak **only those Words** (the Words of His Torah of Life)*

It is, or should be very obvious, by what Messiah said in **John 12**, that He Himself lived by, and only spoke the Words of the Father's Torah, the Words that our Father Commanded Him to speak, and furthermore, Messiah made it very clear in *John 12* and other places, that He only did what He saw the Father, doing *John 5:19 Then answered Yeshua and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can **DO NOTHING** of Himself, **BUT** what He **SEES** the Father do: **FOR** whatever things the Father **DOES**, these very same things **DOES** the Son do likewise.*

Therefore, Peter is telling us, that all the people who willingly and lovingly chose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **ARE THE ONES** that will experience the **Glory** of Yahweh, **FIRST HAND, AND**, on a continuous daily basis, for eternity, for that **IS** what the Father has promised all His Torah obedient children, and Yahweh only speaks **TRUTH**.

Verse 2 Feed the flock of Elohim which is among you,

What does Peter mean when he tells us to **FEED the flock of Yahweh**? Does that mean that the elders are supposed to have a barbecue everyday for the people of Yahweh, so that they can satisfy their physical hunger? The answer of course, is a resounding **NO**, that is **NOT** what Peter meant! Well then, **WHAT IS IT**, that the elders are **to feed the flock of Elohim with**? They are to feed the Flock of Elohim with the **Bread of Life**! Well, if that is indeed the case, then we had better know what the Bread of Life **IS** according to Scripture?

*John 6:35 And Yeshua said unto them, **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE**: he that comes to Me **SHALL never hunger**; and he that believes me, the Words that I speak, **SHALL** never thirst.*

As you can see, Messiah described Himself as the **Bread of Life**! Now let's analyze this statement for a moment. **IF** Messiah says He is the **Bread of Life**, and in *John 1:1* and *John 1:14*, We are told that: *In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was **WITH** Elohim and the **Word WAS** Elohim and in verse 14 we are told that the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and that we beheld His **GLORY**, the **GLORY** as of the only begotten Son of the Father, **FULL** of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**; then, that means, that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, which in turn, means, that the Torah, all the Words of His Torah, **IS the Bread of Life**.*

Scripture defines what the word **TRUTH** means in:

- 1 – Yahweh's Torah of Life, *Psalm 119:142*
- 2 – Yahweh's Commandments, *Psalm 119: 151*
- 3 – His Word, *Psalm 119:160 and John 17:17*
- 4 – His Gospel, *Ephesians 1:13*

If you look up all these *verses*, you will see that all the Words that Messiah speaks, are defined as our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**.

Therefore, when Peter is telling these elders to *feed the Flock* of Elohim, you can rest assured that Yahweh is telling Peter to tell his disciples to **FEED** the flock of Elohim with the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, which includes **ALL** of His Commandments, **ALL** His Word of **TRUTH**, His Torah, His Gospel.

You might say, well, I understand what His Commandments, His Word and His Gospel is, but His Torah is so broad, that it is hard to define. Well Yahweh has heard your question before you even uttered it, and He gave you an answer to that Question, *1Kings 2:3* where He tells us what His Torah is made up of,

David says to His son, Solomon:

*My son, keep the **Charge** of Yahweh your Elohim,*

*To walk in His **Ways**,*

*To keep His **Statutes**, and*

*His **Commandments**, and*

*His **Judgments**, and*

*His **Testimonies**,*

AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH,

WHY?

*That you may prosper in **ALL** that you **DO**, Wherever you find yourself.*

So you see, **IF** you take **ALL** of Scripture as **ONE BOOK**, as you should, **THEN** it is pretty obvious that Peter is telling these elders to feed the flock of Yahweh with His **TRUTH**, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and, **IF** you still have some doubts about that, then let's read a couple more *verses*, that I think, will help clarify it even more.

*Exodus 19:9 And Yahweh said unto Mosheh, Lo, I come unto **YOU** Mosheh, in a thick cloud, so that **ALL** the people may **HEAR** (so that they may Shemah, which means, so that they may hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey what you have heard Yahweh command you) when I speak with **YOU**, Mosheh, **AND BELIEVE YOU, MOSHEH, FOR EVER;***

Yahweh makes it abundantly clear that He wants **ALL** of **HIS** people, His sheep, His children to believe Mosheh **FOREVER**; and just in case you are **NOT** sure, and you think that this is only an **OLD TESTAMENT** teaching, Yahweh has made sure that you know that this is an everlasting teaching, for He says in:

*John 5:45-47 Do **NOT** think that I Messiah will accuse you to the Father: there is One that accuses you, even Mosheh, in whom you say you trust. 46 For had you believed Mosheh, **THEN** you would have believed Me: for Mosheh wrote of Me. 47 **BUT, IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE MOSHEH'S WRITINGS, the Words of TORAH OF YAHWEH, HOW THEN SHALL YOU BELIEVE MY WORDS?***

Next, we see that Peter is admonishing these elders about *taking the oversight thereof*,

Not by constraint

(not by forcing nor shaming people)

But willingly

(let them come of their own accord);

Not for filthy lucre

(Don't you dare do this for money, there were no TV evangelists in those days, who continually demanded that the people send them money),

But of a ready mind

(but with a surrendered heart and mind that is willing to serve Yahweh);

Verse 3 Neither as being lords over Elohim's heritage

(don't act superior, because I have blessed you with knowledge, but teach from the perspective of a humble servant),

But being examples to the flock.

(A good example according to Yahweh is the example of a humble servant, who has been given the privilege to teach the Word of our heavenly Father, His eternal **TRUTH**)

*Verse 4 And when the **chief Shepherd shall appear**, (that would be Messiah, when He returns)*

*You shall receive **a crown of glory that does NOT fade away.***

Again and again, throughout Scripture, we are told that salvation is a **GIFT**, a **GIFT** that was given to us **BY** our heavenly Father and His only begotten Son, for **all** people have sinned and fallen short of the **GLORY** of Elohim, fallen short of following and obeying the Words of His Torah of Life, and Scripture makes it very clear, that the wages of Sin, the cost or consequence of transgressing the Words of Father's Torah of Life, **IS DEATH**.

BUT, because of Messiah's love for us, He took our penalty, He died on the cross instead of us, and that **is WHY salvation is a GIFT**, because we cannot earn it, no one **BUT** Elohim, can forgive Sin. However the appropriation of that marvellous **GIFT**, is only attainable by choosing to willingly and lovingly walk on the righteous Path that Yahweh has set out for all of His children to walk on, from the beginning of time, and, as I said above, the only way to walk on that Path of Righteousness, is by willingly and lovingly choosing to surrender our hearts, minds souls, and strength, to our heavenly Father, and make a commitment that from that day on, we **WILL** believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, for when we do that, then, that Path of Righteousness, is designed to lead us directly and safely to our destination, where we will be awarded the prize, that every Torah obedient heart is seeking after, at the end of the race, and the race, my friends, **IS** a metaphor for our whole lifespan, our daily walk, which ends when our physical life is over, and our spiritual life begins, on resurrection day. And please understand, that to win the prize, one has to willingly persevere and **STAY** on Yahweh's designated Path of Righteousness, right to the end, or else, one can be disqualified, and therefore perseverance, steadfastness and zealouslyness **IS** the key to winning the prize at the end of the race, which means, that one **MUST** be willing to **allow** the Holy Spirit to cause them to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 5 Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.

That is what Yahweh wants **ALL** of us to learn, we **MUST** learn to **submit** to our elders, and since Yahweh has no beginning and no end, then we **MUST** learn to Submit to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and we do that by learning to submit to our earthly elders, the people that **LIVE** Torah obedient lives and teach others to do the same.

*Yea, all of you are to **BE** subject one to another, and be clothed with **humility**:*

Here Peter is admonishing us, to be submitted to each other, which means that we are to be transparent and accountable for everything that we say and do, and be willing, to answer for all of our deeds, and be ready to repent when we transgress the Words of Father's Torah of Life, for there is **NO** man that does **NOT** Sin, that does **NOT** transgress the Father's Torah of Life at one time or another in his life.

For Elohim resists the proud,

Yahweh is making it very clear, that if we have **PRIDE** in our being, it will cause Him, the Creator of the universe, **to resist us**, which means, that the omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent **BEING** or **ENTITY**, **will be against the proud person**, therefore, it is a position that I do not recommend that anyone takes.

*And gives (**Favour**) Grace to the humble.*

Do you want to have **Favour** from the Creator of the universe? Then leave your pride where it belongs, behind you!

Verse 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of Elohim,

If you can truly learn to see our heavenly Father as He is, which is a loving caring, compassionate, and forgiving Father, who loves us with an infinite and unending love, **THEN**, humbling yourself before Him, will be a piece of cake, it will be easy, **BUT, IF** you see Him, as an overbearing master, Lording it over you, and **COMMANDING** you to do His will, even though He could quite easily do so, because He is omnipotent, **THEN** you will **NOT** be able, nor willing to humble yourself before Him and you will be the one that loses out on all that He has to offer.

*That He may **exalt you** in due time:*

This is so beautiful, that it brings tears to my eyes; Peter says, that **IF** we humble ourselves before Yahweh, **THEN He will**, in His timing, exalt **US** in front of everyone. It should be a very easy choice to make, but unfortunately, so many people will indeed resist His inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions, which means that they **WILL** choose to rely on their own understanding, which in turn means, they are **PROUD**.

Verse 7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.

Have you ever heard more beautiful or pleasing words than these wonderful Words? Peter tells us that we are to cast **ALL** of our cares upon Yahweh, and learn **NOT to worry** or be concerned or **anxious** anymore,

WHY are we to take that position?

BECAUSE Yahweh cares for **US**.

*Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing; **BUT** in everything **BY** prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto Elohim. 7 And the peace of Elohim, which passes **ALL** understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yeshua, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.*

Now what follows is extremely great advice, advice that we can all count on, **IF** we have an obedient surrendered heart to the Ways, and the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for that is the only attitude that will help us get through the trials and tribulations that inevitably will come our way. For **WHEN** we willingly choose to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, we **KNOW** that our heavenly Father hears our prayers, because He said so in *Proverbs 28:9 He that turns away his ear from hearing* (Shemah, from believing following and obeying) *the Torah, even his prayer shall be abomination*, which means, that **IF** we **DO** choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, then our prayers will **NOT** be an abomination to Yahweh, which in turn means, He will indeed hear and answer them, and furthermore John told us in:

*1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in Him (Yahweh), that, **IF** we ask any thing according to His Will, He hears us (He does Shema us): 15 And **IF** we know that He hears (if we know that He does Shema our prayers), **THEN** whatsoever we ask, we **KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE PETITIONS THAT WE DESIRED OF HIM. In other words OBEY and be blessed!***

Verse 8 Be sober, be vigilant; (have the mind of Messiah and don't give up)

WHY

*Because your adversary, the devil,
Who is as a roaring lion,
Who walks about,
Seeking whom he may devour:*

That sounds very scary, **BUT** Peter, just like James, tells us how to handle the devil, this so called **roaring lion** that wants to destroy us.

He says:

*Resist (the devil) steadfastly by believing Yahweh,
KNOWING that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (which means that afflictions happen to everyone).*

BUT the Elohim of **ALL GRACE**, Yahweh,
*Who has called **YOU** unto His eternal **GLORY** by Messiah Yeshua,
(the Words of the Living Torah made flesh),
After that you have suffered a while,*

Make you perfect

(תָּמִיִּם, Tamiym, means, **complete, perfect, whole, sound, healthful, without blemish, innocent, honest**),

Establish

(קָוַם, Qum, to stand up, rise, raise, arise, resurrect, stand, was fixed, was valid, was established, was confirmed, ratified, he erected, built),

Strengthen

(אַמַּץ, Amatz, to be strong, was strong, bold),

Settle you

(יָשַׁב, Yashav, to sit, remain, dwell, stayed, resided, was settled).

Now, as we all know, we do not live in a perfect world, even though Yahweh created it perfect in the first place; for, since man has been on the earth, we, through our rebellious disobedient Ways, have polluted Yahweh's beautiful creation, therefore, in some sense, we are wallowing in our own excrement, our own filthiness, a filthiness that we, as a corporate entity, have created for ourselves. Therefore, each and every one of us, **WILL** have to, at one point or another, in our lives, go through trials and tribulations, **BECAUSE** mankind has overwhelmingly chosen **NOT** to believe **NOR** follow the Ways, and the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father. However, Yahweh promises **ALL** people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that through that obedience, He will make us **perfect, complete and whole**, which means, that whatever the enemy has taken from us, whatever we have lost, Yahweh will ensure that it is returned to us. He has also promised to **raise** us up, help us **build** our houses, our families, and furthermore, He promises to strengthen us, when we need His help, and finally, He has said that He will ensure that we **dwell** with Him for eternity, and that is what Peter means, when he says that Elohim **IS** the Elohim of **ALL GRACE**, He is the one that shows **Favour** to **ALL** the people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Then Peter blesses Yahweh and tells us that **ALL** praise, glory and dominion belongs to **HIM**, and therefore we **ARE** to have the very same attitude that Peter has.

Verse 11 To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

And Peter concludes by telling us that we are to exhort all of our brothers and sisters to testify to the whole world of the **TRUE GRACE** of Elohim, **AND** the fact that He loves us, regardless of our many failings.

*Verse 12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the **TRUE GRACE OF ELOHIM** wherein you stand.*

As I explained above, the **TRUE GRACE** of Elohim **IS** the Words contained in the Father's Torah of Life, which were manifested in the flesh, as our Messiah, who willingly went to the Cross of His own volition, to save us from eternal damnation.

*Verse 13 The Qahal, the assembly of believers who are in Babylon and are **zealous** for the Torah, elected together with you, salute you; and so does Marcus my son. 14 Greet you one another with a **kiss of love**. Peace be with you all, that are in Messiah Yeshua, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. Amen.*

The Qahal is **YOU**, the assembly of believers worldwide, and as long as we are **NOT** in the Promised Land, we truly **ARE** in Babylon, a foreign land, **BUT**, we must always remember, that our true Home, our native land, **IS** the Kingdom of Elohim, which He has established, **IS in Yisrael**, and that is where we will spend eternity. Amein, Next year in Yerushalayim!

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!