

Study of 2Peter 3
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2Peter 3:1-18

*I This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your **pure** minds by way of remembrance:*

Pure, Strong's number G1506 ειλικρινής, Eilikrinēs, pronounced, I-lik-ree-nace, it is from εἴλη, Heilē, which means, the sun's ray, and G2919; which means, judged by sunlight, tested as genuine pure and or sincere.

If a person has a Pure Mind, then that means, that there cannot be any Sin, hidden in that mind, or else it would **NOT** be Pure, and since Sin, is defined in Scripture, in *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah: for Sin IS the transgression of the Torah;* then, that means that a **Pure Mind MUST** have the Words of the Torah stored in it, because, if the Torah were **NOT** stored, in that mind, then, that person would not be able to believe, follow nor obey the Torah, **IF**, he did **NOT** know what the Torah **IS**, which means, that he would Sin on a regular basis, whether he knew it or not.

Based on what I have just told you, it should be evident to everyone that Peter was talking to people who had committed to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **or else, their minds could NOT BE PURE**. Based on what Scripture tells us, the only people that can have **Pure Minds**, are the people that have willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and, made the commitment to **allow** His Holy Spirit, to actually cause them to believe, follow, and obey, all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as our Messiah did and taught us to do; which then means, that these people, **HAVE the PURE Mind of Messiah**, who happens to be, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, made flesh.

What do you think it is, that Peter is asking them to keep in their **Pure Minds** by way of Remembrance? Peter makes it very clear in verse 2 what he wants them to keep in their Pure Minds.

*Verse 2 That you may be **Mindful of the WORDS** which were spoken before by the Holy prophets,*

What words do you think were spoken before, by the Holy prophets, that we, you and I, **ARE to be mindful of?**

In *Jeremiah 7:25* Yahweh says: *Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I Yahweh, have even sent unto you all **My SERVANTS THE PROPHETS** daily, rising up early and sending them: 26 Yet they (Yisrael) did **NOT** hearken (did not shema, they did **NOT** hear, nor listen, nor pay close attention to, nor understand, nor believe, nor follow **NOR OBEY**) Me, **NOR** did they incline their ear, **BUT** instead, they hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.*

Well, as you can quite clearly see in *Jeremiah 7*, Yahweh makes it very clear, that He is the One entity that sent His prophets out, rising up early to do so, therefore, since it is Yahweh that sent these Prophets out, we **MUST** conclude that Yahweh sent His prophets out with **His Words, the Words of His written Torah of Life**, and **NOT** with even a hint of any of the doctrines of any man made religion, so that these Prophets of His, could and would deliver the Words of the written Torah of our heavenly Father, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, to the people of Yisrael. If you do **NOT** understand the very basic premise, that Peter is teaching here, of how we are to have **PURE MINDS AND HEARTS**, then you may as well stop reading now, because you won't believe any of the other words that I tell you, Peter is communicating to us in his own words.

OK, now that you have made up your mind to continue, I hope that you can clearly see, that Peter has firmly established that the Holy Prophets of old, brought the Words of the written Torah of our heavenly Father, to the people of Yisrael, as Yahweh had commanded them to do, and Peter goes on to say in the balance of *verse 2*: that not only did the Prophets of old bring you the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, to you **BUT** Peter says:

*And of the Commandment of us, the **APOSTLES** of the Master and Saviour:*

What are the Commandments that Peter and the Apostles call their own?

First of all, let us define what the word Apostle means. The word apostle means, the sent ones, and they are sent to deliver the message of their Master, and in this case, their Master **IS**, Yeshua the Messiah, who of course **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, the very same Words of the Torah, that the Prophets of old brought to the people of Yisrael. Furthermore, the Scripture clearly points out, in *John 1:1; and 1:14* that Messiah **IS** indeed the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, and that, as the Word of our heavenly Father made flesh, He was full of our heavenly Father's **GRACE** and **TRUTH**, and the word **TRUTH** in Scripture, **IS** defined as the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in *Psalms 119:142*.

Therefore, since Peter and the other apostles claim that they **ARE APOSTLES of Messiah**, who as I said, **IS**, the Words Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, **THEN IT IS, OR SHOULD BE** very obvious, that the Commandments that Peter wants the people to be mindful of, **ARE** the Commandments of our heavenly Father, because our heavenly Father and His Son, our Messiah, have both clearly stated, **IF you LOVE ME, KEEP My Commandments**, and please remember that Yahweh Himself has said in His Torah, in *Deuteronomy 4:2* **You shall NOT add unto the Word which I command you, NEITHER shall you diminish ought from it!**

WHY IS THAT?

*So that you may **KEEP** the Commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I Mosheh Command YOU.*

*Verse 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days **SCOFFERS**,*

As you can see, Peter tells the people that he is talking to, that he already **KNOWS** that there

will be **SCOFFERS** that shall come in the last days. The Apostles know that, because that is what the Torah teaches us. However, **IF** people have been taught that they are to **cast out and reject** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father as yesterday's trash, and taught instead, by their church fathers, to believe that there is no longer any value in the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, since they, for the most part, believe that the Torah has been nailed to the Cross, and that it **NO** longer applies to them, because, as far as they are concerned, it has been done away with, and deemed to put people in bondage by their church fathers, **THEN** they will never be aware that **there are SCOFFERS among us already**.

Therefore, because of that fact, I have to ask you a very important question. What are **scoffers** and what are they *scoffing* **AT OR ABOUT?**

The word Scoffer is the Greek word empaiktes, and it is Strong's number G1703 ἐμπαίκτης, empaiktēs, pronounced, emp-aheek-tace, which is from G1702; and it means *a derider, a false teacher, a mocker, a scoffer*.

So Peter is telling these people and us, that we are to be aware that in the latter days, there will be many **false teachers, mockers and scoffers**, that will teach that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father are no longer valid, and that from now on, the people are to rely on their, teachings, their oral torah, when it comes to the followers of Judaism, and the to teaching of the church fathers, when it comes to Christianity, and to the Catechism, when it comes to the Catholic Church, which according to Yahweh, **ARE ALL FALSE DOCTRINES**.

Well since we have established that the Apostles are teaching the very same message that our heavenly Father's Prophets taught, and the very same message that Messiah taught, and Scripture makes it very clear, that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, then it is pretty safe to say, that Messiah's apostles, were teaching the Words of Torah of our heavenly Father, as Messiah and the prophets of old did, which means. that the **FALSE** teachers **ARE NOT** teaching the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, which in turn means, they are teaching their own man made **FALSE** doctrines, which they have dreamt up, and formed from their limited and finite wisdom, the very same wisdom that Yahweh Himself says, **IS FOOLISHNESS** to Him.

What will these **scoffers** or **false teachers** be doing, according to Peter? They will be:

Walking after their OWN LUSTS, 4 And saying, Where IS the promise of His coming? For since the fathers (Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov) fell asleep (are in the grave, NOT in heaven), All things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Here we are told that the **Scoffers** of Peter's day, and the **Scoffers** or false teachers of our day, are trying to confuse and deceive so called believers, into believing that the promise of Messiah's coming, is **NOT TRUE**, and that instead of surrendering their wills to an entity that they say **IS NOT** coming, that they, the people that they are talking to, should believe their false teaching and promises. Their explanation is that **NOTHING** has happened from the beginning of time, and that none of His promises have been fulfilled according to their teaching.

Peter rebukes that kind of logic and says in verse 5 *For this, they willingly are ignorant of, that BY the Word of Elohim, the heavens were of old, And the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, Being overflowed with water, perished: 7*

BUT, the heavens and the earth, which are now, ***BY*** the same word, are ***KEPT*** in store, ***Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.***

Here we see that Peter says that these men, these ***Scoffers***, are wilfully ignorant of the fact that Yahweh Created the earth, and that it is He, that has saved the earth in the condition it is in, until the end times, until judgment day, which I believe is rapidly approaching. Peter goes on to say in *verse 8*:

*Verse 8 But, beloved, **do not be ignorant** of this one thing, That one day with Yahweh **IS**, as a thousand years, and a thousand years **IS** as one day.*

Here we see that Peter is explaining to the people, that Yahweh is ***NOT*** in any way affected by time, and as you know, or should know, He does everything in His timing. That is important because the Scriptures make it abundantly clear that Yahweh does ***NOT*** change.

Let me put it this way, over a period of many years a person ***might*** be persuaded to change his ways, but usually a person does ***NOT*** change his habits, whether they are good or bad habits in ***ONE DAY***, it takes, as I said, many years for most, if ***NOT*** all people, to make even a slight change in their lives, and since Yahweh ***IS NOT*** affected by time, for as Peter says, to our heavenly Father, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day, which means that since He is ***NOT*** affected by time, He remains constant, just as His Word remains constant and ***NEVER EVER*** changes, because it is written in Stone.

*Verse 9 Yahweh is **NOT SLACK** concerning His promise, As some men count slackness; But is longsuffering towards us, **Not willing that ANY should perish, But that all should come to repentance.***

Since Yahweh does ***NOT*** change, and since He is dealing with us flawed human beings, He has to have a lot of patience with us, because, and since He loves us so much, His Heart's desire, ***IS*** that ***NOT*** even one person perishes, therefore, due to His forgiving nature, He goes to great and extreme lengths, to forgive us, and He warns us over and over again, against the dangers of disobeying the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for therein ***IS LIFE, everlasting Life***, for all who choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, and obey it.

*Verse 10 But the day of Yahweh, **WILL COME** as a thief in the night; At which time, the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, And the elements shall melt with fervent heat, The earth also and the works that are therein, shall be burned up.*

The ***DAY*** of Yahweh, ***IS*** the ***DAY*** that He, in His infinite wisdom, will choose to come back to earth, to deal with His rebellious children and to destroy the earth with fire, and fulfill His promise of creating a renewed heaven and a renewed earth. You might ask, how can He do that in a day? Well, Peter just told us that a Day is as a thousand years for Yahweh, and a thousand years is as a Day for Him, therefore, this tells us that these events will happen in the time span of one thousand years for us, and that thousand years my friends ***IS*** the seventh millennium.

It is important at this point that we remember what Messiah told us in *Matthew 5:18 For verily*

*I Messiah say unto you, until heaven and earth pass away, **NOT** even one Jot or one Tittle shall pass from the Torah, until **ALL IS FULFILLED**.*

Messiah, who is the One that All of Christianity professes to believe, follow and obey, tells us, that at least until the end of the seventh millennium, also called the Day of Yahweh, **NOT EVEN ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE of the Torah will be changed nor abolished in any way.**

*Verse 11 Seeing then, that **ALL** these things **SHALL** be dissolved, **WHAT** manner of persons ought you to be in all Holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for, and hasting unto, the coming of the day of Elohim, Wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

Peter has posed us all, a very important question. It is obvious that Peter believes that these events *Wherein the heavens will be on fire and shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat*, will indeed take place. What about you, do you think Peter is speaking the **TRUTH** about these events? If you do, **THEN** answer Peter's question for yourself, **IF** Yahweh is indeed returning as He promised, and **IF ALL these things SHALL be dissolved**, as Peter prophesied would happen, **THEN**, what kind of Life should **YOU** be leading right **NOW**?

Should we not learn to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He has Commanded us to do, seeing that Messiah said, **NOT** even one **JOT OR TITTLE** will pass from the Torah, until **ALL** is fulfilled? The answer to that question for me, **IS** of course, a resounding **YES**, as far as I am concerned, **BUT**, it is a question that everyone has to answer for themselves

*Verse 13 Nevertheless **WE**, according to His promise, **LOOK** for renewed heavens and a renewed earth, wherein dwells righteousness (Deuteronomy 6:24-25).*

Are **YOU** part of the **WE** that looks forward to a renewed heaven and a renewed earth?

Well, I believe that before you answer that question, you first have to be convinced that what Peter has just told us about the day of Yahweh, *Wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat*, **IS** a true statement, and then, you have to decide **IF** that is a day that **YOU** can look forward to coming! I know what my answer is, what about **YOU**?

*Verse 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that **YOU** look for such things, Be diligent that you may be found of Him in Peace, Without spot, and blameless.*

According to Scripture, spots and or blemishes are metaphors for Sins in our lives, and in *1John 3:4* we are told that Sin **IS** transgressions of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, the very same Torah that is filled with Grace and Truth.

Therefore, we are to understand that Peter is admonishing everyone that he speaks to, and that includes all people that read his writings, that we are to be **DILIGENT** in our quest to draw near to Yahweh, and we can only do that by first surrendering our hearts, minds, souls and

strength to our heavenly Father, repenting of, and confessing our Sins, our Torah transgressions, and then, committing with all of our hearts, to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, so that when Messiah does indeed return, He will **NOT find any spots or blemishes on us, because** of our loving surrendered obedience to the Words of Father's Torah of Life, His eternal **TRUTH**, which, when obeyed with a loving surrendered heart, sets us free, which means that our hearts **WILL** be at peace, and since He will find us believing following and obeying the Words of His Torah of Life, it means that He will find us **BLAMELESS**.

*Verse 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Master **IS** salvation; Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to **the wisdom given unto him** has written unto you; 16 As also in **ALL** his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which there are some things that **are hard to understand**, which they, that are **unlearned and unstable, wrestle with**, as they do also the other Scriptures, **unto their own destruction**.*

We have gone through all the books that Paul wrote and the best way to understand Paul's writing is by believing what he said of himself in *Acts 24:10-15* *Then Paul, after that the governor, Felix had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, and said, Forasmuch as I know that you Felix, have been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself: So that, you may understand, that there are yet **but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship**. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: Neither can they **prove** the things whereof they **NOW** accuse me. **BUT** this, I Paul, **CONFESS UNTO YOU** (and the whole world), that after the **WAY** which they (the Judaizers, the religious leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, which was the religion of the day) call heresy, so I, worship the Elohim of my fathers, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH AND IN THE PROPHETS**: And have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, **THAT THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION of the dead, BOTH of the just and unjust**.*

If you want to understand **ALL** of Paul's writings, then learn to believe and understand what is written in the Torah of our heavenly Father, and in His prophets, and then, the writings of Paul **SHALL NOT be hard to understand**, because Paul, like Messiah, willingly and lovingly chose to believe, follow, obey, and teach **ALL** Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that our heavenly Father gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and Paul did so, **ALL** the days of his life after his road to Damascus experience.

*Verse 17 You therefore, beloved, seeing you know these things before, **Beware, lest you also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness**.*

The wicked people that Peter is talking about here, are **ALL** the people that are proponents of **ANY** and **ALL** man made religions, with their false man made doctrines, that profess that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father have somehow been changed and that there **NOW** is a man made oral torah that somehow supersedes and replaces many of the written Words of the Torah of Mosheh, or what the majority of what the man made Christian doctrine teach, that the Torah of our heavenly Father has somehow been abolished and done away with in whole or in part.

It should be plainly evident to anyone that reads the words that Peter wrote, that he Peter, **IS** actually admonishing everyone, that **IF** any person, willingly chooses to believe the words of these **WICKED** people, believe in their false man made religions, and their false man made religious denominational doctrines, **THEN**, according to Peter, it will cause those who believe these false teachers, and their **LIES**, to **FALL AWAY** from their past steadfastness to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, which steadfastness, is what leads people, to actually continue to believe, follow, and obey the Words of Father's Torah of Life, in the first place.

Verse 18 But grow in Grace, AND in the knowledge of our Master and Saviour Yeshua Messiah (Who IS the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) To him be GLORY both now and for ever. Amen.

What is the **GLORY** of our Master and Saviour, **and HOW can WE you and I, grow in it?**

The word Glory is the Hebrew word, Kavod, כבוד or כבוד, and it is defined as, honour, splendour, glory, abundance, riches, importance, respect, offering, refreshment, to be heavy, weighty, honoured, was respected, exalted.

Therefore the **GLORY** of our Master Yeshua, **IS**

His unfaltering steadfast obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, wherein is contained the splendour and the riches of the Wisdom of our heavenly Father, and the importance of every Word of the Torah, and especially the heavier and more weighty matters of the Father's Torah of Life.

The next question that is asked is, How can we grow in that kind of Glory? It is very simple, learn to do what Messiah did, and that is, **LEARN** to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as He did and taught us to do, **AND** then, you too, will grow in the **GRACE** and **KNOWLEDGE** of our Master and Saviour Yeshua our Messiah. Amen

As Peter advises in *2Peter 3:18, But grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Master and Savior, Yeshua our Messiah*. And Paul concurs, writing, in *Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom*; and in *Colossians 1:10 increasing in the knowledge of Elohim*; and in *2Timothy 2:15 and rightly dividing the Word of TRUTH (Torah, Psalm 119:142)* Furthermore, Scripture commends the Bereans, in *Acts 17:11 for These, the Bereans, were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that, they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

Let us therefore learn to follow the Berean example, and continuously search the Scriptures, thereby increasing our knowledge of Elohim, so that the Word of Elohim may indeed, ***dwell richly in us, in ALL WISDOM***

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