

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK THIRTY SIX.

All children are in need of instruction. This should be instruction that will enable them to learn, grow and become the best they can be as individuals, becoming a valuable asset to the community. This is no different concerning the Children of Israel. We are in need of good, precise instructions that have us become valuable contributors to our nation.

“And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Moshiach Yeshua will be persecuted. But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Moshiach Yeshua. All scripture is inspired by God for profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” 2Timothy 3:12-17 [NASB]

We witness Sha’ul making strong and informative statements. We would be wise to absorb these if we are to be echad as a nation.

Many if not most who are reading this will have already experienced persecution for trying to live godly lives in Moshiach Yeshua. History has surely proven that following in the footsteps of HaMoshiach is to invite persecution. This we should expect, but when that persecution comes from within our own “Household” then that is another matter. In thinking upon this perhaps we should be encouraged by the words of the Master, *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”* It is my hope that the infighting we witness within the Household of biblical Israel is due to “not knowing” because of incorrect instructions. If this is the case then we have an opportunity to turn it around through correct teachings, brought forward by mature and wise instructors. Unfortunately history and scripture prove that there are instructors out in the market place that make a conscious decision to bring forward evil instruction in order to deceive the Children of Israel. To help protect us against these evil instructors we require a good understanding of biblical Torah. Sha’ul shares some valuable information and advice. He tells us that it is the sacred writings that give us wisdom and salvation through faith which is found in Moshiach Yeshua. Throughout these writings we have pressed home the fact that Yeshua is not only HaMoshiach, but He is the “Living Torah”. Sha’ul supports this position by saying that it is the sacred writings that show us wisdom [Torah] and salvation [Yeshua].

Sha’ul goes on to say that all scripture; that is scripture inspired/breathed by God, the Holy One of Israel is **profitable** [good, accomplishes its goal] for doctrine/teaching, **reproof** [conviction by manifestation of truth] **correction**

[amend what is wrong in a person's life] **training** [as in chastising a child] in righteousness.

This is scripture coming from HaShem the righteous and Set Apart/Holy One of Israel.

This is so all people citizens of biblical Israel can be; **complete**, [Completely qualified, whole] **equipped** [to put a "thing" in its appropriate position, establish, set up], in order for Israel to be the nation Hashem has chosen it to be. It is only those who are qualified and equipped, knowing the foundations of Torah, who can provide the biblical instructions that can take us forward as individuals and as a nation.

What scriptures was Sha'ul referring too? There was no "New Testament" at this stage, so it couldn't be the New Testament! The Scriptures Sha'ul was referring too, could only be the Torah. It is the Torah where we find instructions on how we should live as Children of the Most High God, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He.

To live lives pleasing to HaShem we are in need of a blue print to follow. The importance of this cannot be overstated, especially for those who have not been brought up in a household following the Torah of Moshe. When Sha'ul was writing to new believers in Yeshua HaMashiach, he was educating them on the written Holy Torah. He encouraged them to go to the synagogues to hear the Torah of Moshe preached and taught. Remember Paul was a Pharisee, and he never denounced this position. Yes he meets Yeshua on his way to Damascus, and this encounter ended up with him being able to discern between the many manmade oral laws/torah and true biblical Torah. We never witness Yeshua, Sha'ul or the disciples being dismissive of Hashem's torah/instructions, in fact we witness the very opposite.

The best instructions for all Children of Israel, comes from the Living Torah. HaMoshiach is the Living Word, He is the Living Torah, and our best teachings come and will come from HaMoshiach. It is the Whole Torah that drives out the darkness from our Household allowing us to clearly see the way forward as a nation.

An important question needs asking. Do you who claim to love and follow Yeshua really want to walk in His footsteps? When you ask the question, what would Yeshua do; are you willing to adhere to the answer? Because if you want to walk in the footsteps of Yeshua and do what He would do, then you need to embrace and adhere to His set apart instructions, and walk the path of Torah. As Sha'ul shared with us, the Torah helps us perfect our faith, pointing the way to truth and life.

Yeshua said *“I am the way, the truth and the life”*, telling us that He indeed is the Living Torah, the Word made flesh. Surely we can grasp that our unity as Children of Israel comes through our faithfulness to HaShem in accepting both Moshiach and Torah. To be a light to the world, Israel must operate under the instructions of HaShem, instructions totally endorsed by Sha’ul, but more importantly instructions that will be installed by Moshiach ben Dovid for all Israel to adhere to.

No other set of instructions are to be considered or followed, no matter how brilliant, smart or humane they seem to be.

Our Father doesn’t want to see His children confused. He wants us to be well educated in matters of Torah, and to be able to defend His instructions with correct and considered answers.

“But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Moshiach as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Moshiach may be put to shame.” 1Peter 3:14-16 [NASB]

Make no mistake this is a straight and narrow way, providing true light and freedom, through Yeshua and Torah, cutting away the confusion, that is rampant in not only the world but in many institutions that claim to be Biblical. This is not a walk for those who want to hang onto unbiblical instructions that oppose Torah. It is a walk that requires faithfulness and dedication. It is a walk that will challenge us along the way. We will have our “ups and downs”, but if we cling to Moshiach and Torah we will have the guidance and protection of HaShem.

It is decision time for many. Where do you want your instructions to come from? If your answer is HaShem, then you have no choice other than to embrace the Torah and HaMoshiach. The Master Yeshua said, *“let your yes be a simple yes and your no a simple no”*.

Let us answer a simple yes to receiving instructions from HaShem, and a simple no for receiving instructions from any other source.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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