

# WORDS OF WISDOM.

## Chapter Fourteen.

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Trying our best is all we can do. Our best is just that, “our” best. You cannot take on the “best” of someone else. You can only be responsible for doing your best. There will always be someone better or worse, and the level of your best changes with the coming of time. Your best levels never stay the same. Every day they will change to some extent. Over time these levels can change significantly. Some of these significant changes will be for the better; others will be for the worse. For example no elite sportsperson stays No 1 forever. On the other hand with the passing of time comes the opportunity for the increase of wisdom, giving us a significant boost to improve our best.

A wise person will utilize their years in gaining wisdom. For the Children of Israel this is an opportunity that should not be missed. As the time approaches for the coming of HaMoshiach Yeshua we should be trying to seek a more mature and complete knowledge of our Fathers Word. There are issues that may require some to have a fresh new approach. This is not suggesting that we open our minds to any claim of supposed new revelation, but the opposite. We must take everything that involves a “new” teaching back to the Word, back to Torah.

*“Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1John 4:1 [NAB]*

It is wise to test “the spirits”, as it is only through testing that we can determine whether they be of God or from another source. In the scriptures that follow we are told how to test such spirits.

*“This is how you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Yeshua HaMoshiach come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Yeshua does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the anti-moshiach that, as you heard, is to come, but in fact is already in the world.” 1John 4:2-3*

Moshiach [separate out, anoint] is something we are required to understand. When someone is separated out by HaShem and anointed by Him, then that one is classed as a moshiach. Aaron was anointed by HaShem. David was anointed by HaShem. Yeshua HaMoshiach – [Yeshua The Anointed One] came forth anointed from the “bosom of HaShem”. Yeshua the One Who is anointed for our redemption and salvation. Any spirit from HaShem must acknowledge Yeshua as The Anointed One/HaMoshiach. The foundational message of this truth is that salvation comes from HaShem and only HaShem. It is only through those that are anointed by HaShem that knowledge and redemption can come. On a broad scale, any teaching that does not acknowledge that hope, redemption and salvation come through the Arm of HaShem must be dismissed as “anti-moshiach”. These spirits are trying to replace HaShem and all He has for His people. Humanistic teachings based on the likes of Freud, Jung, etc are in fact anti-moshiach. Not only are they replacing Yeshua HaMoshiach with their humanistic teachings but they completely annul Him, such as these are easy to test. However what about those who are in our midst? What about those who claim to be in an anointed position? I have had the unfortunate experience of listening to many a “preacher” claiming to be anointed by HaShem leading gullible people far away from the Word of HaShem. These people claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit, yet they ridicule and dismiss the Torah. Something doesn’t fit in these circumstances. We need to be very alert and test all who claim to have the spirit of God against the teachings of Yeshua HaMoshiach. Please understand that the teachings of Yeshua HaMoshiach are the Holy Torah. These are not the teachings of Calvin, Luther, various Popes, the multitude of prominent Christian leaders and much of what is taught in the various forms of Rabbinical Judaism. Unfortunately these leaders have failed to seek and understand the teachings of Yeshua which are the teachings of Torah. If these prominent leaders took the time and effort to sit back and diligently work through the Torah according to HaShem and HaMoshiach Yeshua allowing the Ruach HaKodesh to guide them; then our situation as a nation would improve accordingly. In saying this, I am not suggesting these leaders are not diligent and not trying their best with the

tools and decisions they have made. However I am persuaded that if they were too devote the same time, energies and due diligence into following in the footsteps of Yeshua then they would bring greater hope, wisdom and shalom to the people. Again I ask the simple question! If you keep Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and worship on Sunday or treat Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson as HaMoshiach instead of keeping Pesach, Hag HaBikkurim, Shavuot, Yom Teruah, Yom HaKippurim, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, worship on the biblical Sabbath and embrace Yeshua as HaMoshiach, then whose footsteps are you following? I can guarantee **it is not** the footsteps of Yeshua HaMoshiach. For those caught up indulging in these unbiblical practices a “new teaching” is required for a change in direction. It is not a new teaching biblically but it is a new teaching to those caught up in these practices.

We Children of Israel are in a blessed position to take advantage of what HaShem is revealing to us at this time. If we fail to do this then we are guilty of rejecting the outstretched Arm of HaShem. What is being revealed to us now was never available to those who have gone before us in good faith. Many have tried to open the “flower” before time and damaged the contents before it had time to mature and grow. None the less we now witness the opening of the bud, allowing us to gain a glimpse of the beauty that is to follow. We now have the opportunity to view the total beauty of Yeshua HaMoshiach through the opening of Torah. I am convinced that HaShem, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He, is allowing us to enter into and learn the beauty of Yeshua through the Holy Torah. Despite what many have been told and believe you will never witness the beauty of Yeshua through the lens of pagan Christmas. However you will begin to witness and see the beauty of Yeshua through the Moedim of HaShem. You will witness an even greater beauty when you begin living a Torah led lifestyle. Sha’ul had a battle within himself regarding these matters. He needed to meet HaMoshiach to receive a “new teaching”. Sha’ul was full of the Rabbinical teachings of the day, and he had to be willing to open himself up to the truth and teaching of biblical Torah through the leading and guidance of Yeshua. Christians and Jews please understand Sha’ul/Paul didn’t change or nullify biblical Torah. If Paul was with us today, he would never encourage Sunday worship, Christmas, Easter or any other present day biblical error. He did change some of his views on what was being taught as Torah, but he never rejected the need for biblical Torah for all Children of Israel. Paul accepted these “new teachings” from HaMoshiach Yeshua, and he encouraged all others to follow his lead. Sure

there were arguments and disagreements, but no one disputed the fact that all Children of Israel need to follow a Torah lifestyle to the best of their ability.

*“Then Moshe called to all Israel and said to them, ‘Listen, Israel, to the laws and rulings which I am announcing in your hearing today, so that you will learn them and take care to obey them’”. Deuteronomy 5:1 [CJB]*

These very same instructions are valid for us today and for many Children of Israel these instructions will be “new teachings”. Those that have gone before us have been used by HaShem and no doubt most have done their best. None the less we must be ever watchful for what HaShem is doing to further our education, knowledge and His prophetic Word.

We have much to learn going forward and though many of these lessons have a long established history, they will appear new to many. I am convinced HaShem is opening up His Word for us today in a manner we have not experienced. We need to realise that in seeking new lessons there is a real danger of absorbing unbiblical teachings and experiences. We must test all teachings and lessons against the Word of God, against His Torah.

Let us all do the best we can with a willingness to test all things, including those things we find close to our hearts.

*“Hear , O Israel : HASHEM is our God, HASHEM is the One and Only”. Deuteronomy 6:4 [AST]*

May the grace, love and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!