SEVENTH YEAR SABBATH QUESTIONS, PT I

PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK

Today, I am going to begin to discuss some of the questions that you might have regarding the observance of the commanded 7th year Sabbath.

As I said yesterday, I am sure that the scoffers will be many, just as they scoff at nearly all of our Creator’s instructions.

First, we need to consider just how broken and removed from His ways that the world is. This will help us to understand some of the answers, as well as why He is going to put an end to things the way that they are.

If we examine why it is called a “Sabbath” year, then the answers will make since. It is a year of rest, resting from our labors and it is a reward.

Since I have come to understand the purpose of the weekly Sabbaths, I hunger for them, as I am sure that all of you do who are coming to His call.

The weekly Sabbaths are like living from paycheck to paycheck. As soon as one is over with, we live the week hungering for the next one. Why? Because they are a reward and they point us to His ultimate reward.

The same is true with our Creator’s design for His annual Sabbaths and New Moons, and how much more so a yearly Sabbath.

**With His rest includes His provision.**

Can you imagine a nation of people who live off of His provision and simply trust Him for everything and obey Him? They would live as one family, loving one another and loving Him and being thankful to one another and to Him.

No greed, no selfishness, no adultery, children learning to walk in the truth. It would be all about and centered on family, our physical families, our community family and helping one another get into our permanent family, HIS family.

There would be no house payments or rent payments, no electric bills, no food shortages, no need to worry about anything except losing out on this utopia.

**OF COURSE, THIS IS THE ONE THING THAT MAN HAS LEFT OUT. THEY HAVE NEGLECTED TO FEAR LOSING OUT ON HIS PROMISES, AND THEREFORE THEY DO NOT HAVE THEM.**

But now, unfortunately, we live in this broken world, so how do we obey Him and observe a 7th year Sabbath? What is involved?

After all, we do have, for an example, to make our house payments and we certainly do not have six years to save up to prepare for it.

I said yesterday that I do not have all of the answers but in asking Him for them, He is bringing me front and center with how far removed the world is from His truth.

There are communities that have applied some of His principles to community families like the Amish in America, but do they love His truth and fashion their life entirely around it? No, they have formed their own religions around bits and pieces of the truth just as everyone else has.

The 7th year Sabbath is a perpetual commandment that He gave us so that we can know that we belong to Him and know that He is our source.

If we were obeying this commandment and we lost sight of His truth and we were not walking in agreement with Him, it would be obvious because His provision would not be there.

If this were to happen, there are only two possible choices. One, cry out to Him in repentance and change to be back in agreement with Him so that His blessings resume or two, reject Him and go off to provide for ourselves. The second is what has happened.

How hard is it to believe that He wants to protect us and provide for us?

The religious people of Christianity or Judaism or Islam would say we do believe Him, we do pray to Him and He hears us. He does provide for us.

Well, Yehshua reminds us;

Matt 5:45

45 **That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**

Scripture also talks about the prosperity of the wicked.

Likewise, it is important to understand that He has spiritual principles in place that just work. An honest business man has blessings given to his business in spite of not keeping the commandments. A husband and wife who are faithful in their marriage have blessings of a stable life and such.

Obeying our Creator works on different levels, but that does not mean that He is choosing you to be in His family. He has these spiritual principles set in place to help call us to Him and to see that His goodness has benefits.

By design, He wants a successful businessman, who has a stable household and such to hunger for more truth. But is this what happens, or does he simply join his local church and live lies?

Obviously, with only 144,000 chosen out of the billions who have lived, odds are that he chose to love his life and not lose it.

I don’t know how many people have ever lived. We are told that there are close to 7 billion in the world today, so I think it is safe to assume that maybe there have been at least 10 billion who have lived. 144,000 divided into 10 billion is not even measurable with the calculator that I use.

I had to go to the computer to figure it out because I did not want to stretch my brain. It is 0.0000144 0r .00144 percent. That is not very many who have truly trusted their Elohiym and yielded to Him for sure.

**When Yehshua said that few be that find it, I guess He meant what He said.**

As I reflect on this, it really is very sad, but He had to give us free will and a choice to accomplish His purpose.

He wants to give us all things and nurture us, fashion us in His image and has man believed Him? Do you believe His promises?

If you say that you do trust Him and yet you cannot even trust Him to provide for you for a year, I say to you that you either have not taken the time to examine His promises or you lie to yourself.

This is not a matter of putting Him to the test, but a matter of believing His instructions and believing His rewards.

Yehshua tells us;

Matt 6:19-22

19 **Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust can destroy them and where thieves can break in and steal them:**

20 **Instead, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust can destroy and where thieves cannot break in and steal:**

21 **Because where your treasure is where your heart is.**

22 **The light of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye is single, your whole body shall be full of light.**

He is saying that all we need to do is keep our eye single. Do you think that Abraham’s eye was single? How about David’s or the rest of the saints? Yes, at different times they took their eyes off of the ball and they had consequences to bring them back to being focused. But they returned their eyes back to their Creator, repented and changed direction.

They were remorseful and broken over their transgressions and they hungered for His provision. They did not try and justify their disobedience and continue in their own paths.

It seems that I quote these following words of Yehshua often and hopefully you do not get tired of hearing them in these documents;

Matt 6:28-7:1

28 **And why do you worry about your clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:**

29 **And yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**

30 **Therefore, if Elohiym so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is burnt up, shall he not much more clothe you, you of little faith?**

31 **Therefore do not worry, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, what shall we be clothed with?**

32 **Indeed, all others desire after these things and your heavenly Father is aware that you have need of such.**

33 **BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIYM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU.**

34 **Therefore do not worry about tomorrow because tomorrow shall worry itself. THE SATISFACTION OF THE DAY IS HER EVIL.**

Yehshua is saying that our eye needs to be single, focused on the Kingdom of Elohiym and His righteousness in front of everything else. He says that if we do, our Father knows what we need and He will make sure that we have it.

Do you believe Him? Your actions are going to have to prove it. This is what faith or believing Him is. The seventh year Sabbath is commanded and it is designed to help keep our faith real. We must depend on Him and walk in agreement with Him. In doing so, we are listening to Him, therefore doing our part to receive His blessings.

All of His ways lead us into pure relationships with Him and with one another.

Yehshua goes on a few verses later;

Matt 7:9-11

9 **Or what man is there of you, whom if his son asks for bread would deny him and give him a stone?**

10 **Or if he asks for a fish would deny him and give him a snake?**

11 **If you then, being bad, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them who ask Him?**

I use these same verses to talk about all things, healing, protection, and everything that He has promised.

Does He want us to be His children or not?

But now we are entering into the Sabbath year with little advance warning or preparation time. Should that matter? Is His hand shortened that He cannot provide for us?

After all, He is the one drawing it up this way. He is the one trying your reins to see what is in your heart, if you really truly trust Him;

Jer 17:10-17

10 **I YEHWEH examine the heart, I test the mind to give man according to the fruit of his endeavors.**

11 **As the partridge sits on eggs and hatches them not; so is he that accomplishes wealth without “mishpat” (referring to righteous judgment), his wealth will leave him in the midst of his days AND AT HIS END HE WILL BE A FOOL.**

12 **A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of your sanctuary.**

**Remember that Yehshua told the religious of the day that they had omitted the weightier matters of the law which included judgment that leads to damnation. He also included that they had omitted faith which includes believing the promises and mercy. The mercy that he is referring to is that which cries for all of the abominations done in the world.**

13 **YEHWEH, the hope of Israel, all that forsake you shall be ashamed and they that turn from you shall be written in the earth because they have forsaken YEHWEH, the fountain of living waters.**

14 **Heal me, YEHWEH, Heal me; save me, save me and I will praise you.**

Do you think that you have not forsaken Him if you have not hearkened to His instructions? This is going to be a test. Will you be able to admit that you have denied His protection; therefore you remained in captivity and deceived and worshipped Him in vain?

If you can see it, this means that your pride is not getting in the way and you will need to cry out to Him to be healed and He will heal you if you truly want to turn back to His ways, the ways of old, His path that has been lost.

If you think that Yehshua did away with those paths, you are calling Him and His father a liar.

If you have rejected His judgments and cannot humble yourself to admit that you have not believed Him, prepare to be humbled.

15 **Behold, they say to me, where is the word or the way of YEHWEH? I pray it comes.**

Will you cry out for His word, His truth or His way to be restored, or will you continue to hold onto the lies? Whatever is false is getting ready to be purged out. Man’s time of self-rule is just about up.

Today, people have their confidence in lies and reject their Creator. His ways teach us to love and teach us to want to be a part of an eternal family.

 I discussed in the past that those who do not have the mark of the beast will not be able to buy or sell this coming year because of it being a 7th year Sabbath of rest. Is the buying and selling referred to in Revelations just symbolism for not having income from work, since it is a year of rest from our work?

Or is John’s revelation of Yehshua referring to all buying and selling?

I mentioned that it is a broken world that we live in, so we do have mortgages, rent payments and such. How would we live? Is money going to be worth anything anyway?

It would appear so by default, at least for a short period of time because the other group would be buying and selling. Or maybe this just means that they would be if they could.

Maybe money will reach a point early on where it will be worthless anyway? This I can assure you will happen, but how far into it will it happen, I do not know. At the end they will be casting their gold into the streets.

As this is unfolding, He wants us to examine our hearts and minds, to see if we truly trust Him and believe Him. He knows what is in our hearts and minds anyway, but He is giving us a chance to repent and choose Him.

We will also need to turn to helping one another as a family should and learn what the mercy that we have omitted really is.

I do not know yet if the instructions include not being able to spend money that we already have on goods or if we will even be able to anyway or for how long. This is why we must know who our source is and be close to Him and in agreement with Him so that we know that it is all covered anyway.

If you think you are going to be raptured away before the destruction happens, is this what scripture teaches?

Noah had to prepare and build a boat, which took time. After he and his family were on the boat, it still took a while and even after it stopped raining and flooding, look how long it was before he could get out of the boat. It was over a yearlong event.

Lot had to choose to leave all and take his family out. His wife is another good example (actually a bad example). Don’t look back; just leave them, if they do not want to come with you.

Don’t murmur either; it is all passing away anyway.

The children of Israel did not get to go into the Promised Land because they did not trust YEHWEH to deliver them.

Yehshua says pray that your flight not be on a Sabbath, we are only 44 days from the yearly Sabbath. In other words, there is no time for fence setting.

I do not know of a particular place of safety but I do think it is time to get out of North America and the nations that came out of the British Commonwealth.

It is a Sabbath year, but there are some obvious things that make it clear that some of the instructions are different, at least in part, to the weekly Sabbaths, such as laundry and cleaning, etc.

We are certainly in an interesting point in time for this to be restored and this is just one of the many things that are being restored as He prepares a people for the return of His Son.

We must embrace it all and return to the paths of old and live His ways like receiving a paycheck.

The really cool thing is it is like enjoying in a continuous paycheck that we don’t have to wait each week for because He never will be slack. He wants to give us every good thing if we fight to be chosen by Him and in agreement with Him.

I will continue to discuss these things as far as buying and selling with financial reserves that we already have as more understanding is given.