7th YEAR SABBATH QUESTIONS, PT II

A PARADIGM SHIFT

Today I want to continue to examine the instructions for being obedient to our Creator in regards to keeping His 7th year Sabbath.

I said yesterday that it is all about family, but not simply all about our own personal family but rather also about a community family and becoming part of a permanent family, the family that our Creator is building.

Let’s take a look at an example of what appears to be a healthy family on a temporal plain. The husband has a great job. He works 40 hours a week and has his lunch breaks with his wife and some days they even go to the school to join their children on their break. I will call this family, family A.

They spend their weekends and evenings together enjoying movies and sports and playing board games and such. They have plenty of vacation time and travel and experience life together.

They even pray together, attend church together and genuinely delight in one another.

But there is one thing missing, the parents reject the truth and therefore their beliefs are not true. Consequently, they are leading their children away from eternal life and the permanent family.

In other words, this perfect American dream family is committing eternal suicide and killing their children’s eternity as well.

What would happen if this family had a paradigm shift and looked at their life from an eternal standpoint instead of a temporal pleasure standpoint? I will call this converted family, family B.

This husband would spend his time away from his work learning his Creator’s way of life seeking to become his child and teaching this way of life to his wife and his children.

His wife would also be drawing close to her Creator with the same goal and teaching her children to do the same. They would protect their children from the evils of the day and teach them that their Creator is their source for everything.

But wait a minute you say, family A is teaching their children about god and such, they pray all of the time and read the bible together every night.

I ask you, will this make everything work out if what they believe is true is a lie?

What if satan has deceived the world as the book of Revelations says he would? What if Paul’s writings did lead them away from obeying the word of their Creator?

If so, are they any different than a Muslim wallowing in his/her false beliefs or a Hindu or any false religion?

Family A could be a devout Muslim family or a devout Mormon family or any religion.

Show me where the devout Family B is who is learning to live by every word of their Elohiym and living it.

I use this story to bring up the importance of having a paradigm shift.

The shift begins with looking at all things from the viewpoint that everything is really about becoming part of His family. Nothing else matters and everything else will automatically fit together.

I watch very little news but recently I started watching a little bit of Glenn Beck because he is reporting what is going on in the world and not hiding the reality of what is happening.

At the end of yesterday’s program he showed a couple of pictures of his children from the day before. I had to hold back the tears in listening to him because I felt his sensitivity about what he sees happening to the world because he wonders what it will be like for his children.

As much as he sees what is happening, he himself is still guilty of the reason that the world is going to go through the coming chaos just as you and I are. We have rejected our Creator.

Glenn made reference to spending 3 hours over the weekend with Billy Graham and tomorrow he said that he will talk about that. Billy Graham is responsible for leading billions to the slaughter by teaching a watered down religion and is responsible for giving billions a false hope.

He also made a reference to speaking about the two most important things this coming Friday, faith and family.

I could not agree with him more, the problem is he does not know that his faith is in a lie and he is killing his family just like nearly everyone else in the world is.

True faith believes Elohiym, everything else is false. True love of our family is leading them to become part of Elohiym’s family, everything else leads to death.

Notice that I did not say that true faith believes IN Elohiym, everyone believes in Him, even satan believes in him. I am told that even a self-proclaiming atheist believes in him in their inward parts of their mind according to a polygraph test.

Believing Him means believing His promises. If we truly believe Him, our actions will prove it. There are lots of promises made to us for obeying His instructions. True scripture is full of statements by our Elohiym, **“IF YOU WILL…. THEN I WILL…..”**

The 7th year Sabbath is a commandment just as all of His instructions are.

Yesterday I discussed part of His reason for giving us this commandment which is to help keep us believing His promises and keeping us dependent on being in agreement with His word.

Family A is killing their children and that is not true love. Their love for their family is only on a physical plain.

Today I want to examine what is meant by buying and selling in the book of Revelations through the eyes of the paradigm shift that we must all make.

First, let’s begin by looking at the instructions for the seventh year Sabbath;

Ex 23:10-12

10 **And six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in the fruits thereof:**

11 **But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie still; that the poor of your people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard, and with your olive garden.**

The next verse Moses tells to keep the weekly Sabbath and the following verse tells us not to even make mention of the false gods of the people around us in our conversations with one another. We are told to be circumspect of all that He has instructed and live His truth and be His people and He will be our Elohiym.

It is thought by most that this 7th year is only referring to letting the physical land rest. Is this true? What would that teach us? No, they were an agrarian society so everyone’s life revolved around their produce from their harvests. Even all three of His Feasts that we are commanded to observe each year revolve around the three harvests. Should we not obey them either because we are not farmers? That is crazy to propose such a notion.

In verse 12 Moses is tying in the seventh day Sabbath with the seventh year Sabbath. Verse 14 ties in the three feasts as well. They are all part of His plan to build a family and they are for all of us.

Should only the agrarian person observe the weekly Sabbath or the Feasts? Of course not.

So six years we are to work and the seventh year is a year of rest from our work. He tells us that He will bless us extra in the sixth year to carry us through;

Lev 25:1-6

25:1 **And YEHWEH spoke unto Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,**

2 **Speak to the children of Israel and say unto them, when you come into the land which I give you, the land shall set aside a Sabbath of YEHWEH.**

The Sabbaths are His rest that He is giving to us, He says so plainly here. The rest is His reward pointing us to a greater reward. Is He giving the land itself the reward? No, it is going to be burnt up; EVERYTHING IS ABOUT HIM BUILDING A FAMILY.

3 **Six years you shall sow the field, and six years you shall prune the vineyard and receive the fruit thereof;**

All of Israel is to work for six years and then be rewarded with a Sabbath rest. For six years we receive the fruits of our labor which, in today’s society is our money.

4 **The seventh year shall come a Sabbath (OF REST) to the land, a Sabbath of YEHWEH: you (THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL) shall neither sow your fields, nor prune your vineyards.**

I highlighted “of rest” because it is the Hebrew word **SABBATHROWN** which means special holiday. It is only used 11 times in scripture. The different Hebrew words translated into the English word rest is a study in and of itself.

If you do not want to be the children of Israel, that is your choice. I did a video last week showing who the children of Israel are. If you are, then you are YEHWEH’s heritage, His people.

If you reject this commandment or the others, you are simply choosing to not be His heritage.

5 **That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, neither gather the grapes of your vine undressed: a year of SABBATHROWN shall be to the land.**

6 **The Sabbath of the land shall be food for you, your servant, your maid-servant, your hired servant, and for the stranger that sojourns with you.**

It is interesting that even the stranger passing through is to abide in this Sabbath. How could it be referring to the land being set aside only?

What are we to eat? The next verse tells us;

Lev 25:7

7 **The live animals (of course the clean animals) in the land shall be all the produce to eat.**

Most translations have verse six saying that the things that grow naturally in the land are to be our food but looking these verses up, it is not saying this. I will add however, the instruction in verse 5 to not eat anything that grows of itself is referring specifically to things growing in the fields that we would normally harvest from or in our case today, receive our wages from. The instruction for eating of the produce in the year of Jubilee is slightly different but that is not the subject matter of this segment.

When verse six says that the Sabbath shall be food to us, it means it.

He wants us to know that He is giving us His blessings of the abundant store house ahead of time; all we need to do is enjoy the Sabbath **SABBATHROWN** that He is rewarding and let Him be our food.

Lev 25:18-23

18 **Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my judgments and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.**

19 **And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.**

20 **And if you shall ask, what shall we eat the seventh year? Because we cannot sow nor gather in our increase:**

Are you paying attention? He is giving us the answer.

21 **Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.**

22 **And you shall sow the eighth year and eat yet of OLD FRUIT until the ninth year until her fruits come in you shall eat OF THE OLD STORE. (so in addition to the live animals, He has everything else covered as well)**

23 **The land shall not be sold forever: for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.**

Awesome! He is just letting us abide here on His land anyway, it all belongs to Him. What are we to be doing with the time of our sojourning here?

Letting Him teach us and bless us and make us in His image so that we can become His children permanently. What an offer!

You don’t think He is saying that? Hide and watch! If you do not believe that we need to live by every word that He gave us, you are going to find out that you are part of a very large flock who has not hearkened to His invitation.

My hope is that you will repent and embrace His will to be your master potter.

It is a Sabbath year so I want to review some Sabbath instructions;

Isa 58:12-14

12 **And they that shall be of you shall build the old waste places: you shall rise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH, THE RESTORER OF PATHS TO DWELL IN.**

Isaiah is talking about right now. He goes onto to discuss the paradigm shift which is an attitude that the 144,000 possessed in regards to the Sabbath day and all of His Sabbaths;

13 **If you return your path to the Sabbath, making my sanctified day your desire; and proclaim the Sabbath a delight, the holy of YEHWEH, honorable and important, making course to come forth with desire, speaking His word:**

14 **Then you shall delight in YEHWEH; and He will carry you to the high places of the earth and feed you the inheritance of the Patriarch Jacob: because the mouth of YEHWEH has spoken it.**

WOW, the promises are awesome indeed!

It is totally about a paradigm shift and delighting in His provision. His Sabbaths are part of His provision.

Is there any warning to a group of people who do not possess this paradigm shift?

Yes, but it looks like i will not get finished within the 15 minutes allowed for these videos so this will be a good place to break and I will continue with a part 3.