

The Master Said: I know you not, who are you?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "rules without relationship fail," or how about, "relationship with rules succeeds"? Have you ever thought that outgoing concern, charity, or love is what every relationship should stand on? One of the best examples of this concept is when a parent instructs their child not to touch the hot stove (*or interact with sin*), as the consequences could be physical or psychological pain or both. In essence, the parent (*God*) was saying, if you love me and yourself, you will listen and obey the rules of the relationship.

The above concept applies to our relationship with our Father in Heaven and our Messiah, Yahusha. In this article, we will address two biblical accounts, first found in the book of Luke, chapters 9 and 18; let's begin with Luke 9:48-50.

Luke 9:48;

48; And said unto them, whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. 49; And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. 50; And Jesus said unto him, Forbid [him] not: for he that is not **against us** is for us

After reading these verses, what do you perceive Yahusha is trying to convey to these disciples? First, in verse 48, Yahusha makes a straightforward and plain statement in which we receive him as a little child, meaning uncomplicated, simplistic, direct, loving, innocent, accepting, and minor in stature. In many ways, Yahusha is describing a servant's reputation, which would compare to the importance of a little child, both of which are important in God's eyes.

In verse 49, John addresses Yahusha on those who use His name but do not follow them; Yahusha, in verse 50, answered forbid them not for they are not against us. So the question regarding this incident is whether a relationship existed between the one casting out devils and Yahusha. Hence, the answer to the question John addresses at the end of verse 49 is, "he followeth not with us." Remember that Alohym wants a relationship with you, achieved by obedience through His instructions and not man's doctrinal views.

Bear this example in mind as the power of Yahusha's name is used by many for healing and casting out devils but are these works through the recognition and knowledge of Alohym, or is it zealous works through believing only?

The Apostle Paul (Shaul) addresses this question in the Roman 10, let's read.

- Romans 10:1;
1; Brethren, indeed the delight of my heart and petition to God over Israel is, salvation. 2; For I testify to them that they have a **zeal** for God, but not according

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to knowledge (recognition). 3; For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, seeking to establish their own righteousness not subjecting themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4; (*revised*) fulfilling therefore Christ's law into righteousness to-all having faith.

In this section of the article, scripture implies some will use the power of Yahusha's name but will have no relationship with him. Beginning in Luke 13:24, scripture expounds on this relationship theme which we all need to take very seriously and apply to our daily lives.

Let's read Luke 13:24,

- 24; Strive to enter in at the strait (*narrow, cramped*) gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. 25; When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26; Then shall ye begin to say, *We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.* 27; But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity. 28; There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you thrust out. 29; And they shall come from the east, and the west, and from the north, and the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

Take a moment and think about this very seriously! Then, the question becomes, "How do you have a relationship with the Master?" This question has baffled many for centuries, only to overlook the simplicity of the Word. Take a little time and read John 14, where Yahusha gives us the knowledge and clarity of how to have a relationship with Him.

Reflecting on Luke 9, the individual casting out devils must have believed in the power of Yahusha's name, but again, according to John, this individual did not walk with them. Even though Yahusha stated to leave this individual alone, he never acknowledged this individual as a disciple.

Bear in mind that believing and relationships are two opposite concepts. (Relationships are; a connection, association, or involvement, whereas accepting, i.e., "believing," is to have confidence in the truth, the existence, or the reliability of something, although without absolute proof that one is right in doing so) In other words, the scriptural relationship Alohym is looking for is one of personal involvement and interaction, relationship and believing.

Looking back on Luke chapter 13, did the man outside the master's door have a relationship with him? The answer is quite simple, no, but did believe in what the master taught.

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Let's take a minute to expound on Greek, especially regarding faith, belief or believing. Then, we will address two scriptures that are very relevant to the topic; Mark 16:16-17 and James 2:19, 26.

In the Greek language, the base words for "faith" and "believe" come from (G4100 – G4102) "pistis" = (πιστιν) or (πιστευσο) along with (πιστις), depending on their Grammar state, occurring over 160 times in the New Testament. This exercise is to point out the difference between faith and just believing.

(Revised wording)

- Mark 16:16-17; He that believeth ⁽⁴¹⁰⁰⁾ and is baptized shall be saved; but the **unbelieving** (*unfaithful*) ^(G571) shall be judged. 17; And these signs shall follow them that believe ⁽⁴¹⁰⁰⁾; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- James 2:19-20; Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20; But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?
- James 2:26 just as the body without the spirit is dead, they proceeding also faith ⁽⁴¹⁰²⁾ apart from works is dead.

To sum up the issue between believing and having Faith, Faith is relational, and Faith is interaction and working in love. Faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Cor. 2:5) Faith is a manifestation of the spirit and one of the nine gifts! (1 Cor. 12:9) One needs to remember that Yahusha (Jesus) is the chief leader and completes our Faith. (Heb. 12:2)

❖ Dying to Self!

In whatever relationship you may find yourself in, there is a spiritual and physical side; it is no different between you and Yahusha. With any relationship, especially with Yahusha, one must recognize that self-reliance is nothing more than self-idolatry. Here are a few perfect examples: if you are "always" self-reliant, with the attitude that no one can do it better, or if you do everything yourself because you don't want to be disappointed, you are acting in idolatry.

This form of idolatry, which is no more than performance and perfectionism, stems from fear of man, fear of criticism causing anxiety, dread, and concern, but it all stems from a spirit of fear. Letting go of this taught and ingrained spirit can only take place if you first recognize you have

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these tendencies. When you died in Christ through water baptism, your life no longer belonged to you; the vowels in marriage are no different. Alohym did not give us a spirit of fear but one of power, love peace and a sound mind. (2Timothy 1:7)

Also, for those reading this article, any spirit other than the Holy Spirit, which is Christ's spirit, is anti-Christ. Do you remember the first two commandments Alohym gave Israel at Mount Sinai? Let's read Exodus 20: 3-6.

3; Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4; Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of anything] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Did you know the word graven, the past tense of the word "grave" means; deeply impressed or firmly fixed. Question; are you firmly affixed on yourself idolatry, self-reliant belief system or are you going to do something about it? The end result if you do nothing will be your fears coming true as you will hear the words; depart from me I never knew you! As a note: both fear and faith need to be fulfilled, which one will you fulfill?

So, what is the moral of the story? Without the discernment of scriptural knowledge of how to apply Alohym's relationship instructions, i.e., commandments, months, days, and years, are in most cases, zealous toward Alohym, but without knowledge and you will only know them by their spiritual fruits and scriptural discernment. So the question becomes, "Are you willing to walk away from the traditions of men and change your life for an authentic relationship with Alohym"?

One must never forget that we are to all walk the same commandments and Faith but maybe not the same path in learning. Therefore, one must have patience with others and give themselves ample time to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Messiah, Yahusha. Making this change will avoid hearing the phrase, "I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all [ye] workers of iniquity."

We hope this article has blessed you!

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