

Zahakiel: Hello, everyone. Let's begin...Pastor, please offer an opening prayer.

Pastor Chick: Dear Father in Heaven. We come before you this new Sabbath after completing a week of further experience in the school of Christ, and we are grateful for a season of refreshing whereby we can rest in Your benefits. May Your Spirit teach us while the angels minister to us and allow us to advance in holy pleasure as You refine us and elevate us in the Divine Life. In YAHSHUA's holy name, AMEN.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Gadriel: Amen, Amen

Barb: Amen

Lucan: Amen

Ruthline16: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Naraiel: Amen

Peter: Amen.

Elyna: Amen.

Zahakiel: Happy Sabbath to everyone. Did you know that the God of the Bible is biased? He absolutely is; and in fact, I have called this short study "The Biased God."

Yahweh, the God of the Bible, plays favorites. He says so. He will bless some, and curse others. Now, this does not mean that Yahweh is not "just." This is a separate thing, and I believe that some time ago I gave a study outlining the difference between justice and fairness. All men are judged by the same standard, ultimately. All have sinned and come short of everlasting life. Each human being needs to rely on the sacrifice and merits of Christ in order to be cleansed of sin, to be born again, and to receive victory over sin and death. When it comes to the things that happen to us in life, however, well... there are kings, and there are peasants.

Yahweh is just, because whether a king or a peasant, He is a respecter of character. He is not a respecter of roles, ranks or titles...by which human beings often judge the quality of a person – hence, the Scriptures say He is not a respecter of "persons." (Acts 10:34) That phrase that Peter uses translates literally to something like a "face-receiver." Yahweh does not look on the outward appearance, the "faces" that people display to others. Indeed, it is written, "Yahweh seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance [the face, the "person"], but Yahweh looketh on the heart." (1Sam 16:7)

On the other hand, any "person" may have a character pleasing to the divine mind, and thus it was said that "Yahweh spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." (Exo 33:11)

We read, "Abraham believed Yahweh, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of Yah." (James 2:23)

Yahweh testified, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will." (Acts 13:22)

It is true that Yahweh loves all those whom He has created. No conception of a human being is an accident, regardless of what the world would have its young women think. No life that has been permitted to exist is without purpose, and yet some lives are pleasing to the Almighty, while others cause Him, and His holy angels, sorrow to behold... either because of what that life does, or what is done to that life. Those that please Yah are able to fulfill their purpose, His intended purpose for them, and they are clothed with immortality upon the Son's glorious return. Others are warned, then chastised, and then ultimately, reluctantly let go.

Now, I write this study because, every now and then, Yahweh places it on my heart to appeal to our People (and by "our" people I mean ALL people), to call them to Yahshua, so that they might eat the Bread of Life and hunger no more, so that they may drink the Water of Life and never again know spiritual thirst.

Today, then, by this study I write for the benefit of two sets of people. First, I write to our members, so that, when they worship Yahweh, they praise Him for the blessings we have been given. And, as we evangelize, we share with them the particular love of our Father. He is just to all, but He has a special love for those who unite themselves with Him. We might say that toward His people, Yahweh manifests His Agape in a particular way. Our lives are joyful, because we are with Him. This is not true of the rest of the world. Our prayers are heard, and answered, because we are with Him. Our inheritance in eternity is secured, because we are with Him. In these things, we rejoice, and give others a reason to come and rejoice with us.

Second, I write to those who have been studying with us for a time, but are not yet within the Covenant of Yahweh, not yet members of the Body in spirit and in truth, testified by the water of Baptism. To this second group I say, perhaps you were never a Church member. Perhaps you once were, and no longer are... but you are here, because you yet feel the call to sanctification and holiness. Perhaps you are the child of a Church member, who attends as a part of family worship. Whatever the case, to this second group I would say this: Aggressively seek baptism. One who is dying of thirst does not benefit from delaying. One who is hungry desperately expresses his desire for food.

If you knew the importance of being in Yah's covenant, covered by His particular love (and I use the word "particular" because it sounds better to the ears than "biased")... but if you could recognize the importance of receiving Yahweh's particular love, would you not be

pressing for it? In both your personal, spiritual lives – nights of prayer, days of study, and in your public lives, saying to the Church, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me,” learn the importance of Yah’s Covenant. Seek after it like gold, or a precious pearl.

The People of Yah represent Him on the earth today, just as the Angel who wrestled with Jacob represented Yahweh on the earth in that day. If you are “with” us but not yet with us, then you are wrestling with the angel... tell us, let us know...you will not let us go, unless you receive the Blessing. Aggressively seek baptism. Know that the prayers of Yah’s people are heard and answered. Know that while Yah’s rain falls on the just and the unjust alike, His particular love, and His particular blessings, are reserved by the Divine Law for those who are in sacred Covenant with Him.

A man may be polite to all women, but he loves, and is committed to, and gives gifts unto, his wife. Lots of people genuinely, truly believe that God is talking to them, and is leading them. People call themselves prophets, and special messengers... apostles, I have heard. People believe that the traditions they have inherited are the right ones. Do you know what the difference is, the only difference from the perspective of our senses, between the true messenger of Yahweh and those who are deluded? It is that our beliefs are based on the promises that Yahweh has actually made to mankind. The Covenant that Yahweh has with us is the ONLY reason our faith is effectual. Think about this very carefully, and what it means. Millions of people pray to the God of the Bible. They belong to a multitude of religious traditions, each one thinking that his or her beliefs are correct, or at least “close enough.” But they do not know, because they have not been taught, that... well, let me have you read it for yourself. It is written,

“And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.” (Rev 8:3, 4)

Whose prayers are those that rise up before the throne of Yahweh? It is not my opinion, or my tradition, or my interpretation that gives the answer, but the Word of Yahweh. The prayers of the saints, the holy ones, are those that come before Yahweh.

Now, there are two ways we can deal with this. The pagan way is to say, “Well, then I need to get a saint to pray for me.” And they do... with statues, beads, icons, and idols. The Christian way is to say, “Then I shall be a saint, in Yahshua I am a saint... so that I know my prayers are heard.” The Christian way is to believe the promises of Yahweh, which say, “And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.” (Eph. 5:2, 3)

Because you are saints, because such actions are unbecoming of saints, avoid them. Simply receive what the Scriptures call you. Book after book from the apostles are written to the "saints" at this or that city, the congregations of Yahshua.

Who are the saints whose prayers ascend before Yahweh? They are His people, those who are repentant, faithful, and baptized into the Body of the Son. Shall we say, then, that those who are not saints, who cannot say with utter conviction, "I am a saint," should not pray? No...We cannot say that. Yahweh answers the prayer of faith... the Scriptures record the prayers of those who were not (yet!) Yah's people. Among the Samaritans and Gentiles, among the Romans and the centuries-corrupted Jewish sects, Yahshua showed His love. He did not wait for someone to be baptized before healing them, giving them sight and making them walk again.

The love of Yah does not wait for us...but it is written, "We love Him, because He first loved us." (1John 4:19) The love of Yah, Agape, is that He seeks us out, before we even know we need to be found, so "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1Tim 2:8)

I don't believe this should be limited only to the Church and its current members. We also read that we are to pray FOR all men, "that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men." (1Tim 2:1)

But how do men, and women, respond to being exposed to that love? Do they believe that, because Yah has heard their prayer, and delivered them from one occasion of need, they are therefore "Okay?" They should not become complacent; that love, given before we can properly return it, is an invitation. It is a call to make that experience, of knowing you have been heard, knowing that you are loved, and that your prayers will be answered, become the continual mode of your life. It is an invitation to let that experience of being in Yah's presence your daily reality. It is a proposal... it is a call to Yah's Covenant.

Do not, by any means, waste that call.

Whether you are young, or slightly older, aggressively seek baptism, and seek to be ready for baptism. Yahweh does not fail anyone, not even those who are not yet committed to being His. Shall any, then, fall short of the Covenant to which He is calling all people in return? Shall those who are called not make solemn vows that He shall be our God, and we shall be His people?

Adriel: Amen

Zahakiel: Shall they not say to Yah's people, as Ruth said to her Israelite mother-in-law, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried. Yahweh do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." (Ruth 1:16, 17)

This was Ruth, a woman of Moab...not one of Yah's people by birth, or culture. And yet, she understood the two principles upon which the entire Law hangs... love for Yahweh, and love for one's neighbor, and how these two ideas are intimately connected. Ruth understood that to be connected to Yahweh meant being connected to His people. Because of this, Ruth was blessed above other women. She entered Yah's Covenant... a Covenant just like the one He offers to all who hear the voice of His One crying in this wilderness.

Yahweh is biased toward His people. It is a good thing. It is a positive thing... because Yahweh desires that all should be His people. He desires to share with everyone His particular love; but they must be His before He can save them, and reveal Himself to them... which is why He has called on us, who are Covenanted to Him already, to teach the Gospel to every creature. It is not for some arbitrary purpose. It is not to collect more tithes and offerings, or to fill buildings with bodies. It is so that our Father in Heaven can share His fervent, particular love, with as many as will come to Him to receive it.

The mere emotion of love, the mere "feeling" that Yah is with us, these things do not save us. It is the Covenant of Yahweh, to which all men are called...only in that spiritual environment does the emotion of love meet its true principle, and the feeling of Yah's presence represent reality.

Let us, then, as many as be in the Covenant, declare that we are the saints of Yahweh, whose prayers ascend before the Throne of Yah in the hand of the angels. And let all, who desire to bear witness to eternity as one of those saints, seek that which Yah is offering free. Let us, this Sabbath, and this upcoming New Moon day, rejoice that Yahweh is love, and that Yahweh is calling us to know Him now and forever after.

Are there any questions or comments about tonight's study?

Pastor Chick: C

Adriel: Amen!

Zahakiel: Go ahead, Pastor.

Peter: C.

Pastor Chick: I shall endeavor to be brief (if possible). This past week has been one of great challenge and perplexity to the flesh...tempting the deepest cavern of my soul as many things seemed to go "wrong" as judged by the senses. The travel for Uganda, from the first port to the last was one hurdle after another and one would "naturally" conclude, "this is not right". And all the while I had to proclaim within myself "I shall fail nor become discouraged". "I am the child of the Most High, YAH". "He will deliver me from the hand of the enemy". And I witnessed the mighty Hand of YAH overturn the schemes of the enemy time after time until my inner rest became the reality of my experience in the flesh.

I have often testified, "Everything I touch turns to gold" and it is true. I never long for wealth, fame, or favor but YAH bestows all of it on me and those under my charge...

Zahakiel: (Amen)

Pastor Chick: I suffer much in the flesh but, I ALWAYS REST, knowing the "atmosphere of Heaven" is mine, "no weapon formed against me will prosper", "if YAH be for us, who can be against us", "we are more than conquerors through YAHSHUA the Messiah"...

Adriel: Amen

Pastor Chick: I am blessed in the midst of the storm and I pray, as a saint of YAH, that all who frequent these holy convocations will rest in His Covenant with "peace that surpasses all understanding". Amen. END.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Elyna: Amen

Adriel: Amen

Barb: Amen

Zahakiel: Go ahead, Peter.

Peter: Thank you for bringing this study from the hand of Yah. I believe that it is time to join the covenant that I have long waited for. It is time for the birth. There is a lake nearby. I know that he is waiting to bestow that special love upon me, and I am in great anticipation of this love and blessings that he is offering me. I am ready to accept it. I had an experience later on this week and it was one that brings me face to face with the power of answered prayers and the power of how he can change a bad situation into one of great blessings. I know that my redeemer liveth and he is there to lead his children safely

and to comfort them in times of trials. I am waiting for the church decision as to when I will be welcome as a member of the CSDAC. Thank you all for your prayers. End.

Zahakiel: I appreciate the sentiment, Peter... but unless you are pressing against the gates of Heaven, and visibly so...the Church does not have a decision to make. Do you understand what I mean?

Peter: Yes.

Zahakiel: (are you still typing?)

Peter: yes.....I will write the church a letter instead. End.

Zahakiel: Are there any others with questions or comments about tonight's study?

Lucan: C

Zahakiel: Go ahead.

Lucan: I appreciated the straight-forward presentation and application of this message.
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Zahakiel: All right... if there are no others, then I will ask Bro. Luke to offer a closing prayer.

Lucan: Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the time you have appointed from the beginning of creation for your children to assemble in worship and praise. We long to see others experience the gift of your life, and the covenant that binds us to one another while living it. We ask that your Spirit move on those in the valley of decision before it is flooded. In the name of Yahshua we pray, amen.

Zahakiel: Amen.

Elyna: Amen

Pastor Chick: Amen.

Peter_Jr_18: Amen.

Adriel: Amen

Gadriel: Amen, Amen

Naraiel: Amen

Peter: Amen.

Barb: Amen