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**Zahakiel:** All right, then let's begin. I'll ask Pastor to open with a prayer, if he is able.

**Barb:** PC: Dear Father in Heaven. We thank you for the blessings of the past week and for this convocation that you have called for us. Bless us with a message from on high. May we receive all that we need for our inspiration. In Yahshua's Holy name, Amen.

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Adriel:** Amen

**Barb:** B: Amen D: Amen

**Elyna:** Amen

**Pete:** Amen

**Lucan:** Amen

**gadriel:** Amen, Amen

**Naraiel:** Amen.

**victoria:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Happy Sabbath to everyone, and I pray that we each have a blessed New Year, as the years are commonly accounted.

Tonight's brief study, which I hope will lead to an open discussion, is called "The Science of Thy Kingdom."

It comes from a prayer that I was given to offer shortly after midnight last night, or rather this morning, and what I saw as I prayed.

It had just turned 2016, and I felt inspired to offer a prayer. I thanked Yahweh for the year that had passed and, although it had its trials, both to me as an individual and to the Church, He has preserved us each safe, and each able to continue to act on behalf of the Gospel. Our circumstances may have changed somewhat, but we must learn to count all things for good to those who serve Yah, and so I was filled with a sense of rejoicing.

I find it fitting that we begin this year, which we call 2016, with praise of our Father. As I prayed, I said in my spirit... that the greatest thing that any being can do is stand before the Father and Son with a heart full of thanksgiving, and words and songs of praise. I continued to speak, and as I did so, I had the sensation of standing in the Divine Courtyard. The Throne was before me, and behind me and to the sides stood many, both angels and redeemed humans, dressed in impressive clothing, with a lot of white and gold on display. Despite the grandeur of the scene, it did not seem overdone; nothing was merely for "show," but each thing was present for a reason, perfectly suited for its use. Beyond this, the details were not very clear to me; the vision was not distinct, and I believe this was by design. The details were not important, but I clearly understood that there was bright gold shining all around, and I could sense that, among those who stood near me, each had a divine intellect. There were no mindless followers before Yahweh.

The angels had been created with quick and able minds, and all who were redeemed had made themselves wise through knowledge of the Creator.

None were there because they had been born into the "right" religion, or at the right time, or merely because of coincidental circumstances. All had seen the glory of Yah, and had approached Him in love, with a sense of deepest gratitude. There was a general sense of holiness, of joy, and peace, and worship... but in addition to this, each one standing before the Throne had a unique and personal insight into the Almighty, an eternal bond between Him and just themselves as individuals, an intensely unique experience that each of us has shared with the Father through the Son. In this insight, I experienced as if I was there, endless Joy, and aside from a shared joy, each was experiencing a unique joy, one that no other creature could know.

For me, as I stood there, I testified that I loved the science of Yahweh's kingdom, which gives the present study its name. I loved the way that He had formed the worlds, and the microbes... both the largest things and the smallest things testified to His infinite wisdom, and by this I was overwhelmed.

These were the words, "The science of thy Kingdom," that I spoke both in my vision and here as I offered the prayer. I told the Father and Son that I love having an understanding of why things happen as they do, and how things work. I thought of the substance of the Seraphim, how they are composed. What makes them work? Those who stand before the Throne and say, continually, "Holy, Holy, Holy," how do they function? What are they learning and experiencing every moment of eternity... that fills them with such wonder and reverence? Do they know how the atoms are arranged? Have they explored the physical laws of the universe? Did they cover these "most basic" things that human science now struggles to grasp thousands of years ago?

Yahweh is the "Creator" of Heaven and earth, and the more we learn about Heaven and earth, the more we see the beauty of His handiwork, the principles of His very character, woven into all that exists, even if it has been warped by the presence of sin.

**gadriel:** Amen.

**Zahakiel:** The Sabbath tells us that Yahweh created all things, and we may know this with certainty, and more and more deeply as we come to know His Person. That is one of the blessings of this sanctified day of rest. Yah's work was "very good" in the beginning when He stopped to rest, and even now it endures, and shall be purified in the days to come, because of who He is.

Some may say such thoughts are not entirely appropriate, to look too much into the "how," but I think that it is exactly thoughts such as these that are fundamental to our joy... not that everyone should have MY thoughts, but that everyone should have thoughts that testify what they love about the Creator and His work in their lives.

**Pete:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** All who truly love Yah will, of course, be focused on the Gospel,

**Adriel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** on the life in the Spirit that we have been given for our own sakes and as a testimony to others. And yet, there is more to Yahweh than just the Redeemer of mankind. Had there never been a man to redeem, Yahweh would be just as excellent, just as wonderful. Yah is worthy of worship, not (only) because of what He has done for us as humanity, but because of who He is. After all, it is the fact of who He is that has led Him to redeem us from our rebellion, and to save us from our sin. Just as with us, who He is determines what He does. And so, we come to love Him for His own sake.

Last week, I gave a study about cleanliness, order, and neatness. These two studies are connected. Yahweh is God of Order... He IS order, just as He is love, and kindness, and light. Yahweh is cleanliness, and neatness, and order, and to rejoice in such things is to rejoice in Him.

Now, consider miracles, the "great works" that Yahweh has done in human history. The Bible says that when He performs a wonder, Yahweh speaks, and it is.

"For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." (Psa. 33:9)

Of course, what the verse says is true, and it is quite enough for most people. It is enough to know what Yah has done, to draw us to Him to learn of His nature. As Yahshua Himself said, "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe Me for the very works' sake." (John 14:11)

But be careful in your reading of this verse. Yahshua declares that it is acceptable to believe in Him for the works' sake, for the healings, and the feedings, and so on...but that is not the best reason; that is the "or else" reason. The best reason for believing in Him is because of His connection to the Father. It is this connection that gives the works, the miracles, their power, and their authority. The works, and even more so that connection, are worthy of our examination.

So, how is it that they work? How is it that Yahweh speaks, and things occur? How is it that by my faith in Him I overcome? These are not things I can even begin to explain in this life, through study of doctrine or experiment, and yet it gives me joy to know that even for the "supernatural" events, even for the miracles, the basic principles that we can grasp are in play.

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Yahweh is a God of order. Even the miracles are the result of cause and effect. Even they are subject to the laws that Yah has set in place. That we do not know all the laws of nature, or how Yah uses them to accomplish His purposes, is a limitation of our minds and experience, not of His power to make them clear.

It gives me joy to know that I will spend eternity studying, and wondering, at the science of Yahweh's kingdom, the science of salvation (which is a spiritual science) and the science of creation (which is a physical one).

For some, it is the beauty of Yah's workmanship that first draws their affection. For others it is His moral nature, which He shares with us through His commandments. For still others, it is the way that He leads His people clearly, through prophetic statements later fulfilled, to give them confidence that He is in control. These will be their unique joys, but ultimately, they all lead to the same place: the character of Yah. These are all aspects of His nature that lead us to explore His very heart, as it were.

Perhaps, in the discussion tonight, after this study, the brethren can share – for the record between Heaven and earth – those things that impress them most deeply about the character of our Father. I pray that all will give this some thought. What a wonderful thing it would be, and is, to have our first meeting of this calendar year be a meeting where we come together in fellowship, receive a divine insight, and then share those things that we love about Him who has created and redeemed us.

**Pete:** Amen

**Naraiel:** Amen.

**victoria:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** All who are here tonight claim to love Yahweh, and that is wonderful.

**Adriel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** It is a blessing to examine that love, and discover what it is that sparked that love, what it is that causes it to grow, and that will preserve us through the dark times that lie ahead. What a testimony this is for one another, what sanctification, and edification. As I said, I saw none in my vision who were there by coincidence, because they were born at the right place and time. All had a "reason" to be there, and all had a reason to love Yah, beyond, "I love Him because He has given me everlasting life, and saved me from destruction in Hell." I will close the study here, and open the floor for your thoughts and, hopefully, testimonies of praise to our Father. If you will, please share with us that of Yahweh's character that causes you in particular to rejoice, to offer your own prayers of thanksgiving, as I did shortly after midnight this morning. The floor is now open for your comments and questions.

**Elyna:** A

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**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**victoria:** C

**Pete:** C.

**victoria:** El titulo del estudio era La Ciencia de tu reino, cual es el significado de Reino

**Elyna:** I love Yah because He first loved me. What you have shared this evening has been a continual wonder and thoughts of my mind... about Yahweh and his handy works both in the physical sciences but more so in the science of salvation.

**Naraiel:** In the vision you received, what is the meaning of Kingdom?

**Zahakiel:** (one at a time, please)

**Elyna:** I like the insights that He gives to me of what I should do... the burden He gives for souls, closed to home and abroad. I love my heavenly Father and I can't wait to learn more of Him in eternity. I know I will enjoy myself in eternity with Him and all the saints. End.

**Zahakiel:** Thank you for sharing that. I didn't realize that Giselle had been translating Victoria's earlier comment, or rather question. Maybe you can ask her to clarify, though, I don't really understand what she is asking 😊 Go ahead Peter.

**Naraiel:** C.

**Pete:** I would like to praise him for the beauty of his creation. When I look at the flowers, the snow as it falls, as it rests upon the trees and when the sun falls upon it,

**Naraiel:** She says that the title of the study is the Science of Thy Kingdom, does Kingdom have a special meaning on this study? End.

**Pete:** I see His love in it for me, and he uses it to draw my attention to his care and wisdom in creating these things that I can learn of who he is....

**Barb:** D: C

**Pete:** I can look back in time over the years where he has showed things to me of how to work with my hands to resolve things and I can say that I am always amazed at how he works. I love him for all that he has done for me and what he will be teaching me about in heaven I think that I will be looking into how he has made nature with such beauty and colours that create such joy in my, our souls when we look upon them... I thank him for the gift of life through his son and also for the challenges that he allows to come my way in order to refine me in character of his son. Oh what love. End 😊

**Zahakiel:** Ok 😊 Giselle, were you able to get another way of expressing Victoria's question?

**Adriel:** Amen 😊

**Naraiel:** Yes, I clarified the question to her. Maria has a statement.

**Zahakiel:** Did you give her an answer, you mean?

**Naraiel:** yes.

**Zahakiel:** Ok. Go ahead, Daphna.

**Barb:** Daphna: His love, his sacrifice, for mankind is overwhelming. I have said until it is worn out, that He leaves no one out. If He had left one out, then that would have taken away my hope. I think it is for our own benefit the way He chose mankind to be His mouthpiece and hands to witness to others. I used to think He needed us, but now I think He did it for our purpose that we might learn more of Him and that would cause us to grow in Spirit and love for Him and one another. <End>

**Zahakiel:** Very nice. Go ahead, Maria.

**Elyna:** Amen

**Pete:** Amen

**Naraiel:** ok. What I love is that the Lord is a God of love, mercy and pardon. No respecter of persons and has given His grace and His own Son. For these reasons I love him. End

**Adriel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** 😊

**Pete:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Any others?

**Adriel:** C

**Lucan:** C

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Adriel:** Let Luke go first, still working on mine 😊

**Zahakiel:** Ok, go ahead, Luke.

**Lucan:** (I am as well, actually. 😊)

**Zahakiel:** Well... whenever either of you is ready 😊 But... this is a good indication that thought is going into the answers...

**Lucan:** Well, I suppose typing to get it ready defeats the purpose if it delays. <Chuckles.> I'm blessed by the way that learning a new truth or fact or principle fills in and connects with several others to present a harmonious picture of, well, everything really. I'm blessed by the expansiveness of His creation; that the universe is large beyond measure, but that you can spend a career learning about any one aspect of anything and never learn it all. I'm blessed that Yahweh is concerned with our happiness as well as existence; that He doesn't give us tools to survive, but to excel. That we never just overcome, but more than overcome. That He gives us food, but also gives it taste and color; that we have a new nature, but it's Christ's own nature. Everything is always an improvement, an extreme, a best-possible when dealing with His gifts. I'm blessed that His Word and character are the only truly reliable things in existence; every person's word, report, or experience is subjective to their abilities and knowledge... But Yah's is limitless. There is a law, a science, a knowledge in His character that can't be matched elsewhere. I suppose it's safe to say I don't have one particular favorite out of those, or others. But I'll finish for now. 😊 <End.>

**Zahakiel:** Thank you for sharing that. Are you ready, Jody?

**Pete:** amen

**Adriel:** Almost 😊 Amen

**Barb:** A

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Barb:** When I think back to when I first began to really love Yahweh, I remember learning that everything He does is for our own best interest. I had previously seen His commandments as something negative, for example and learned that they are for our own good. But that is not all - everything He guides and directs us to do, all of His providence is really for our joy and blessing. Even when the answer is no - or wait - and things don't turn out exactly the way expected it is for our best - and sometimes the best of others. Also this love is for each human being, and as it flows through us, and back to Yah, it is a blessing. <All for now>

**Zahakiel:** Ok 😊 is there anyone else with something to share, or is Jody ready?

**Naraiel:** Jaime

**Zahakiel:** Ok, go ahead.

**Adriel:** C

**Naraiel:** I love many things of Yahweh, but through the years the feature that I love more of Him and that I want to have is His perfect balance between mercy and justice with the same individuals or actions, without leaning much on either side. That feature captivates me and for this reason I worship Him. For that moral perfection. I would like to become like Him (in this area) from this earth. End

**Zahakiel:** All right 😊 go ahead, Jody.

**Adriel:** I agree with everything that has been said so far- that I love Him because He first loved me, for the beauty of His creation etc. I am most appreciative of His watch care in the little details of life. So many times He has shown me His love in a very personal way like David spoke of. A way that only has meaning as it applies to me. I have a set of long handled stainless steel measuring spoons that I have had for close to 20 years. The original set had 4 but one, the smallest got lost some time ago. I have wanted another set and have been looking in stores, thrift shops etc. for stainless steel ones. I had found a partial set but didn't purchase it, when I went back they were no longer there. Another time there was a set with measuring cups etc., but I didn't purchase because I didn't need all that. I kept finding only plastic ones which I didn't want. I did find another set that I purchased, but the handles weren't as long as my original set. But I was content. 😊 This search went on for a few months. Recently Yah blessed us with another place to live, closer to Dean's work. I had asked Yah if it was His will that we would be allowed to move there. We received word the next day that we were going to get the house. 😊 It is a much older house than where we currently live, built in 1925, but it has character 😊 and a much sunnier yard, where I'll be able to have a garden. Anyway when we went in to examine the house what should I find hanging on the wall in the kitchen? The exact same set of long-handled stainless steel spoons-a full set of 4! 😊 It seems like nothing, but to me it is my Father telling me how much He loves me, and how interested He is in the little details of life. I long to spend eternity with Him learning of all He has for me to learn and just basking in His presence and the presence of all those who love Him! End

**Zahakiel:** It is interesting, certainly, that our Father knows just what will impact us, even if it seems small or insignificant to others.

**Adriel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Any others?

**Barb:** Pastor: A

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead.

**Pete:** Amen

**Barb:** I am almost speechless. I cannot find words to describe anything that approaches my deepest joy but one thing stands out presently in my daily experience. That is His vision of excellence that He inspires me to attain. His faithfulness is duplicated and expanded on a daily basis and I am awed to have survived destruction on multiple occasions. It is truly beyond my imagination the plan that Yahweh has for me. <End>

**Adriel:** Amen!

**Elyna:** C: Gloria

**Zahakiel:** Amen

**Zahakiel:** Go ahead, Gloria.

**Pete:** Amen

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**Elyna:** I like the fairness of Yah even in taking away from us certain things we love to teach us lessons. I lost our cat but that's ok. End.

**Zahakiel:** Thank you for sharing 😊

**Elyna:** Ruth: C

**Zahakiel:** Ruth has a comment? Go ahead.

**Elyna:** Yes. She is having gathering her thoughts.

**victoria:** Lo que yo mas amo de su caracter es su misericordia, por que es ella la que nos permite vivir una vida de libertad en Cristo. Fin.

**Naraiel:** What I love more of His character is His mercy, for it allows us to live a life of liberty in Christ. End

**Elyna:** When we do something wrong Yah always brings a correction to us or else it will catch up to us one day and the consequences might be bigger. Sometimes some instructions may seem wrong but in the end they turn out to be right. End

**Zahakiel:** Ok 😊 Thank you for sharing that. All of your answers have expanded my initial joy and I pray that this beginning of the year will be a foretaste of the days and weeks to come, as this also is a way for us to grow closer together, by sharing the thoughts of praise we have for our Father, and expressing, as best we can with limited human language, what that unique bond is that we have with Him. If there are no others, then I will ask Bro. Luke to close with a prayer.

**Lucan:** Dear heavenly Father. We thank you for the blessings of the Sabbath day, and all of the blessings we have recounted before you and one another tonight. We are thankful for the opportunity to reflect on our relationship with You, and by so doing, expand our relationships with one another. We ask that your Spirit continue with us as we close, through the remainder of the Sabbath hours. In Yahshua's name we pray, amen.

**Zahakiel:** Amen.

**Barb:** Amen PC: Amen Daphna: Amen

**Pete:** Amen

**Adriel:** Amen

**gadriel:** Amen, Amen.

**Elyna:** Amen

**victoria:** Amen, amen

**Naraiel:** Amen