ARE YOU KEEPING THE PASSOVER UNWORTHILY?

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ARE YOU KEEPING THE PASSOVER UNWORTHILY Introduction

The Passover is the most sacred event we have in the Kodesh time that Yahweh has given to us. It is directly linked to our acceptance of the death of His son, and our atonement. If we come with a heart, attitude or life that is not acceptable to Yahweh, this sacred act of obedience and forgiveness can become null and void, even a curse. Too many of the body now have become complacent about this event and therefore are taking the Memorial unworthily to the loss of their life. It is a deadly serious decision to partake. It can be to your harm.

Main Tape Presentation

There is something happening within the assembly, I think as we go through a bible study series of the book of Revelations, we will see some of it.

I think there is a trend throughout the assembly, and when I say assembly I have no organizational boundaries involved. But, I think the assembly collectively, the people and the leaders have come to a place in time that they know so much of the scripture they don't need to study it anymore or they don't believe what it is saying. We've heard it so many times that now it is old hat and we think now we can do anything we please and we're not going to have to be judged for it.

If you will turn to I Peter 4:17 it says this: "for the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Yahweh." This is one thing I don't think a lot of assembly members care anything about knowing. That is the judgment that is on the assembly. Now, it must begin with the leaders and ministers, then the brethren. It must begin with the assembly, and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the good news of Yahweh. So it has to do with obedience doesn't it. And that obedience begins with the heart.

This thing of judgment has to do with obedience or not being obedient. "And if the righteous scarcely be saved": the word scarcely means in great difficulty, as we have heard before. Paul said it is through great tribulation that we must enter the kingdom of Yahweh. "where shall the unrighteous and the sinner appear." What does it mean to be unrighteous or righteous. It says here in verse 19 "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of Yahweh commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." Suffer? We see those that live righteously shall suffer persecution. So instead of suffering persecution, some of us would rather live unrighteously and not suffer persecution.

The assembly has come to the place they're so luke warm they don't want any persecution, they want to be well thought of by the local brethren or the ministry or people out at large here in the world. And many don't want to live righteously. Neither are some zealous for a Kodesh sanctified life. Therefore they are not going to suffer persecution like those that do live righteously or try to live righteously.

Matthew 24: It's a very interesting statement that Yahshua gave because, Matthew 24 is the dissertation by Yahshua to His disciples about the end times. He goes down and shows the time, of course, in verse 4 and 5 about the preachers and how we'll have wars and rumors of wars and nation rising against nation, kingdoms against kingdoms. Then He tells them of times of famines and diseases and earthquakes. What are we having today, famines, earthquakes. We are definitely close to that time!

Now it's going to hit America. It hasn't hit America to the extent it has hit other countries, but now the judgment is on America. Where is the assembly, scattered throughout the earth. It's scattered throughout, but a lot of the assembly are Israelite people.

It says here that "All these are the beginning of sorrows." Then it talks about those who are of the assembly who are delivered up to be afflicted and to be killed. And it talks about many false prophets arising; He's talking about our generation. Then He says this in verse 12, it is a truism "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." What do I mean by a truism?

If iniquity abounds in a nation, that nation's love grows cold. If iniquity abounds within an organization, like a manufacturing organization or a company, the love inside that company will grow cold. If iniquity abounds within a religious organization, the love in that religious organization is going to grow cold. It says iniquity abounds, love grows cold, it's a truism!

If iniquity abounds in a home, the love in that home is going to grow cold. And if iniquity abounds within any individual, the love within that individual grows cold. So, if the love is cold that we are seeing, then iniquity is abounding somewhere. It's a truism. "But he that shall endure unto the end", in other words endure in love unto the end the same shall be saved." One must endure in love and obedience...to be saved... Both are required.

Matthew 23 says something else along these lines because Yahshua was upset with the sins of the Pharisees. He called them hypocrites, and I find that maybe some of us are pretending that we're really Believers.

He said in verse 23 "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law". What's being omitted in the assembly is <u>judgment</u>. Not condemnation of people, but judging righteous judgment with *mercy* and compassion. Merciful judgment is an aspect of love.

Mercy manifest itself in compassion. Mercy manifest itself in complete forgiveness. You have mercy on somebody who is hurting and you try to mollify their wounds. This kind feeling toward people *and faith:* which is belief: *"these ought ye to have done"*, these weightier matters *"and not to leave the other undone."*

Just keeping the commandments is not enough. Physical keeping of the Ten Commandments, Yahweh's Ten Commandments (Complete covenant) in the letter winds up in our death. How could something good wind up in death?

The New Testament says the letter of the law kills. What did Yahshua say here? He says the letter kills, He said here's the weightier matters, judgment and mercy and faith. These are the weightier matters, He didn't mention all the weightier matters, but He mentioned some of them, especially the kind that they weren't doing at all. They had no mercy. Their heart was not right.

What about the good Samaritan, the one that showed mercy upon the man. It's wasn't religion, for the priest goes by on the other side. He was so good, I mean he's got all doctrines, he's got all the Ten Commandments, he's got the Feast Days. But, you see he was in a rank system, so he was above that Samaritan. He is proud and above others. So he walked on the other side and the Levite did the same. His heart was not right.

But here comes a Samaritan, a gentile. He didn't have a overly great opinion of himself. And he saw the guy laying there hurting and he got down and picked him up, and cleaned his wounds, and took him to an inn. He had mercy on him. That's one of the aspects of mercy, helping those who are in need.

The feast days are love feasts, days of love. We sometimes have opportunity to serve and help in them. It was a mark of honor to be asked to served in whatever capacity, whether it was

the honey bucket detail or whether it was pouring coffee at a mealtime, or working on the garbage rack. It was a pleasure to help and you felt left out if you couldn't serve. You're not needed anymore if you can't serve. Things have gotten away from that. Now, it seems everyone wants to be served. Yahshua said I am a minister, I am a servant. He was there to serve and He did the menial tasks. He washed their feet. And in fact, He even washed the feet of His enemy that was going to betray Him, which was Judas Iscariot.

But, it seems we have gotten away from that. But, notice what it says: the weightier matters of the law, these are things that are being omitted. He rebuked the leader of that time, but He is speaking to all. We see sins of omission are much greater and have must more affect on our spiritual condition. Is our goal then the spiritual or the letter of the law? And of course, if you're keeping the law of Yahweh in the Spirit, it is automatically going to be kept in the letter. Because, you can't keep it in the Spirit without keeping it in the letter. In the Spirit means by Yahweh's Spirit. But the letter kills. But, how does this omission of the weightier matters of the law manifest itself, how far can it go?

I don't believe we accept Matthew 10. But it says in verse 21 "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death,"...we don't want to think about that. Yahshua said: "And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death."

"And you shall be hated" not loved, but hated. We don't want to be hated. Therefore if we can keep Yahweh's law in the letter we think we've got it made, yet we act like the people in the world to avoid persecution and hated by them. We find ourselves with one foot in the kingdom and one foot in the world. You can't do that, you can't sit on the fence. That is double mindedness! "And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endured to the end shall be saved". Yes, for His Name sake! (Yahshua) Again we hear about enduring to the end. But it says that a brother shall deliver up a brother, who is He talking to?

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves, (or simple as doves), but beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues. And you shall be brought (the word brought is dragged) before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles." And the brother shall deliver up the brother, who is He talking to? The brethren within the assembly.

Now who are the brothers? Yahshua answered in Matthew 12:46 & 50 He said, they that do the will of My Father are my brother, and sister, and mother. Luke 8:21 those that hear the word of Yahweh and keep it. Those are His brethren, not the people in the world.

Now there are neighbors, yes they are neighbors, but they're not brothers. He is saying those that hear Yahweh's word and keeps it, those are the brothers of Messiah. It says that brother shall deliver up brother to death. This can happen as a result of the iniquity abounding and the love growing cold. It is progressing to this. It will end up there!

Because when we see these things we begin to wonder, look in Revelation two and three. Is the assembly under a curse? (And I contend that the bible is written to the assembly and not to the world.) Because Paul preached Messiah to the world, but to the assembly he preached the bible with understanding. But to the world he preached Yahshua and Him crucified to bring those who were called into the assembly, to get them baptized, (in the Name) to receive the spirit. Then the scriptures come to them on how to live.

Because Yahshua said, "man must not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh". (That's from Genesis to Malachi.) And Yahshua quoted

the Old Testament time and time again as applicable to the assembly today. And Paul quoted it as applicable to the assembly today.

Who preached the righteousness of faith? (Faith is one of the weightier matters of the law.) Who is the first one recorded to preach the righteousness of faith? It wasn't Paul. Paul talked about the righteousness of faith and he quoted Moses. Remarkable isn't it? And people don't go to Moses to learn about the righteousness of faith. And Moses was the meekest man on the face of the earth. Full of mercy, compassion, willing and able to judge with faith and obedience.

Malachi one is very interesting. Now this is Yahweh's word. I am not accusing anyone. I'm here today to try to show as Yahshua does in Revelations two and three.

The assembly has done some good works and then it's got problems. And now is time to repent of those problems. And they were His assembly. It says here in verse 14 of Malachi one: "But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto Yahweh a corrupt thing:"

How do we do that? How do we deceive ourselves into thinking what we are doing for Yahweh is good, yet it is corrupt? How can we sacrifice a corrupt thing and say we're doing it to Yahweh? And we got a good male in the flock, but we would rather give Him a corrupt thing. It's having a two way heart. A foot in the world and a foot in the assembly, because it's not done whole heartedly. We can not be of the world and come to the table!

He says "*I am a great King*", therefore you'd better give Him the best sacrifice, not one that's hypocritical. "*Saith Yahweh of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.*" He is contrasting that to the assembly, then He said that my Name is dreadful among the heathen. (Yahweh)

The children in the wilderness are the assembly then and today. You're sacrificing to me corrupt things, you're coming to me and you're corrupting your own sacrifice by your attitude, by the hypocrisy, the one foot in the world and one foot in the assembly principle. He said "and now, o you priests, this commandment is for you," so this is definitely to the leadership and the whole assembly because we are a royal priesthood. Are we not?

Doesn't Peter say you are a chosen generation? Don't you know that you are a royal priesthood to show forth the virtues of Yahweh. Now keeping the Ten Commandments in the letter does not show the virtue of Yahweh. But keeping them in the spirit, and keeping the weightier matters of the law, that shows His character. Because, people can keep the Ten Commandments in the letter and still be totally unacceptable to Him. Not clean and not washed by the blood. It is a mater of the heart!

So He says: you priests, this commandment is for you. So we in the assembly need to hear this commandment: "If you will not hear it, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you." We don't want to hear that in the assembly. We do not want to think that Yahweh would curse us. But, some of us are cursed. We are not blessed. We have a continual struggle, and we don't know why? Now we know, if you will listen today...and repent. We can not break curses unless you repent with a right heart and life of obedience. (Then break that curse by Gal 3:13, Ps 109:17)

But, He says, if you won't listen to what I am going to tell you I'll send a curse on you. Now that's rough, that's heavy stuff. "And I will curse your blessing: yea, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart." We just don't think Yahweh is going to correct us. He is trying every day, but we don't listen!

"Behold I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your

solemn feasts:" Think of that. We can keep the festivals of Yahweh; we keep it on the right day and we can look at the new moon and we can do everything right according to the letter, and still fall miserably short of the righteousness He bought for us. But, He says even the dung of your solemn feasts, I will corrupt it. He's talking about the dung of the feast!

We always think of the feast as a time of rejoicing where Yahweh's love is. But, if we're in those feasts as just a body there to warm a seat and we don't have the right attitude and don't come as a living sacrifice, then the keeping of the feast are useless and they become an abominable thing to Him. He said we can't worship Him in the letter. It is a matter of the heart. And this is by the Spirit. We all think that we have the Spirit of Yahweh to help us, but do we? Have we all repented? Have we all been re-baptized in the only Name of Yahshua? Is our heart right, are we really obedient?

He seeks those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. Notice back in Isaiah how He talks about it. If He is going to curse our blessings, because He knows our attitude, what happens to those that are cursed in Matthew 25:41?

When He separates the sheep and goats, one on the one hand and one on the left, He said the cursed shall depart into the lake of fire. It's not good to be cursed of Yahweh. And Yahweh says He's going to do that. At the very least, we will not be in the blessed first calling!

It says in Isaiah 1:13: "Bring no more vain oblations; (don't bring useless oblations), *incense is an abomination unto me;*" You mean our prayers are an abomination to Him? How can our prayers be an abomination?

When we regard iniquity in our lives and just let it sit there and fester and fester and we're just keeping Yahweh's law in the letter. (Covenant) He says I'm not going to listen to you, you're going to be an abomination to Me.

He that turns his ear away from the law, it says in the book of Proverbs, even his prayer will be an abomination. You can hear the law, but the law consists of a lot more than just the Ten Commandments in the letter. You have to look at the intent behind them, you have to look at the love in which they were given and in which they can be kept. Because, the way they can be kept rightly is through the love and Spirit of Yahweh. That's the only way they can be kept righteously.

Some of the Jews and Pharisees who were filled with hate, murder and hypocrisy were attending feasts, on the correct days...(Now they have changed them) It didn't do them any good, because they were letting sin reign in their lives. The sin of hatred and murder and bitterness. They were letting that happen to them. "*the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.*" You see what He is saying? (Of course, we must say that if one is not even keeping the Sabbath, Kodesh Days and the whole covenant of Exodus chapters 20-24, then this message of attitude of the heart makes little difference.)

He's not talking about Christmas and Easter and New Years which we have applied this to before, He is talking to the assembly and He is saying they are trouble to me, I am weary to bear them "And when you spread forth your hands I will hide my eyes from you: yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear." We don't picture our Messiah Yahshua as saying this to us. But, He is also judge of all the earth. Also, there is another Messiah being preached that is a false one. 2 Corinthians 11 tells about another Messiah. (Baal worship...Sunday) Satan does have his ministers, and his ministers appear as angels of light. This is the J-- C-- that only preaches love and no obedience. This is the other side of the problem. Would you believe that there are some that keep Sunday and still take the Passover at the proper time? What do you

think the Master of the Sabbath thinks of that? Yes, Baal churches are the churches of the prince of this world, but true shepherds of the called out ones can be delinquent too if they do not keep this love message, and command repentance when judgment is an issue.

There are also ones who call themselves believers, and live in open sin. They come to the table deluding themselves that they are doing right and accepted. They are not! They even take the Memorial to their damnation. That means they are guilty like the ones who called out: "Crucify Him!" It is obvious that they can not examine themselves as the scripture says to do!

As we go on we will see a little more of this, and what it is talking about. If you read it in context here, they had become so corrupt they were like Sodom and Gomorra to Him.

What is it like in the United States today? What's it like in the assembly? In the assemblies out here that called themselves Christian and in Yahshua's assembly, is there sodomy going on? Don't be to sure that there isn't. We know and witness that it is going on in the assembly!

We like to guard up here in our minds, you know one of these big shields, to block those type of thoughts, that it couldn't happen in the assembly. Well look what happened in chapter 2 of Revelation. He said that there was a time that they even teach to submit and committing fornication. So is my witness correct? Yes it is correct, and it was within the assembly and they were not solving the problem. The shepherds also are lax. It is a total problem!

Now notice what it says, "your hands are full of blood." This was the problem. They were trying to keep His festivals in order, but they their hearts were full of hate and murder, and sin was in the camp! You don't have to take a knife and shed blood. All you have to do is hate someone in your heart, hold bitterness toward someone. You've already killed them. You've already committed the spirit of murder. And therefore the spirit of murder has to be repented. Because, it won't be carried over into the kingdom.

You can't carry the spirit of murder into the kingdom. You can't carry the spirit of pornography, or fornication, or adultery or hypocrisy into the kingdom. You can't carry the spirit of stealing into the kingdom. You can't carry the spirit of bearing false witness against your neighbor. You can't say you're a converted believer and live like the world and think you're going to go into the kingdom! <u>How we fool ourselves!</u>

Because, you see, our character is being built now. What is going to be changed at the last trumpet? Our bodies, not the character. The character is being built now. Messiah is to be formed in us now!

How does Messiah think? Does He think pornography? NO! Does He think hatred and hurt against other people and bitterness? NO! What did He say? I was sent not to condemn the world, but to save it.

But in the assembly there is bitterness toward others. There is hatred toward others, there is the spirit of accusations and division. The spirit of accusations is not going to be carried into the kingdom. If people continue in their wrong spiritual attitudes they are simply being filled with darkness and they won't make it at the last trump.

It says here after that in verse 16 "Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;"

"Learn to do well; seek judgment" What did He say was the weightier matters of the law? Judgment..."relieve the oppressed, what's that, mercy, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow..." that's mercy and that is walking in faith.

"Come now, after you have made a repentance and your actions show it, and let us reason together, saith Yahweh: though yours sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow;" He's telling the true assembly this because, He says look, I want you to change. I want you to be in my kingdom. I want to forgive you, but just acknowledge your sin against me and stop it, "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Then He said : "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:"

"But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword:" Why? Because one cannot take that into the kingdom. We have to let Messiah be formed in us and have the character of Yahweh being built in us so when the change comes, all we have to have changed is our flesh. The Spirit is working with us now, but if we keeping resisting and quenching the Spirit, we will not receive the power to change when it is poured out soon! Are you Spiritual?

But, we're weak in the flesh. When we are changed from a fleshly body, which becomes corrupts and decays and goes back to the dust, to an immortal body, a spirit body, then we will be like Him. This is one of the reasons we must worship in the Spirit, for He is Spirit and we will be Spirit. Worshipping in the Spirit is not lip service!

Let's continue on here in I Corinthians. But, we'll see the reason why He hates their feasts, not because they're not correct in the proper time of the festivals. It's because they were trying to worship in His Kodesh time with iniquity, hatred, all these things in their hearts, shedding of innocent blood.

I Corinthians 13:1 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." In other words it is useless.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries: What if Yahweh gives me the understanding of all mysteries and all knowledge; all kinds of knowledge about the bible about what is going on in Yahweh's realm and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." It's of absolutely no value, nothing...

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor": How good an action is that? Beautifully good action but, what if the motive is corrupt? What if the sin is still there? But the action is good, then we need to change the motive "and though I give my body to be burned", yes, even if I give my body to be burned in persecution and martyrdom "and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

So we can keep Yahweh's law in the letter and it profits us absolutely nothing if we're harboring iniquity. A love that grows cold, because of our iniquity, can abound within ourselves or within the assembly group. It can also spread from one or two individuals. And it can come in through the leadership. We need to be watching...

"*Charity suffereth long*". How can this love suffer long, if it isn't tested to suffer? How can love toward others suffer, how do you suffer long without an end? How does it suffer? It suffers abuse from other people?

Yet you still continue to love them, you don't hate them, you don't condemn them. But, it suffers long and it kind, it's very kind toward other people. We do not return evil for evil. Love aids others to come to repentance.

"*charity envied not*" Is not overly concerned or have an evil eye toward those who are blessed with greater spiritual or physical blessings. It doesn't have an evil eye, but are thankful they have those blessings. So, it doesn't envy. Envy comes from strife and ill will on the success of others or what they have. And the root of this is lust Paul says. You desire and can not have...

"*charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up*". Love doesn't have a high esteem of itself as Philippines 2 tells us. We esteem the other above ourselves. It's not rash, in other words, it's not puffed up. We learn about it at the feast of unleavened bread. We can even be proud of our love for others. Now there would be some deception within ones self... Pride and self deception is always at the door!

"Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own." It doesn't seek to please itself or to elevate self. It doesn't seek to please its own in the sense of the other people. It does not seek just to please people in the sense of men pleasers. We do not compromise the word of Yahweh to please men or the assembly.

"Is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil" Now that is a powerful statement if you understand the ramifications of it.

But, what does it do? It always gives the benefit of the doubt. It does not harbor evil thoughts toward people. Now does that mean someone can do you wrong, and you don't want to associate with that person anymore, is that harboring evil? Yes, because you are avoiding a brother or sister that you have an issue with. You may avoid them for a short time to keep peace, but you had better be praying for them, or iniquity may be at the door! We're becoming like Yahweh which is different from unconverted worldly humans. (There are those in the assembly that are not converted...) Yahweh is just, and He says look, when you put away the evil of your doings, then come to me. I don't want to associate with you until you humble yourself. Sin separates us from Him. So here is the one who is love He doesn't want to associate with you if we don't want to change. But, even then He does not forsake us.

Therefore He's saying here, it doesn't think any evil, it doesn't harbor evil toward someone or it always gives the benefit of the doubt. But, if somebody has done you wrong, you don't want to fellowship with them, it's not that you are harboring condemnation toward them or a lack of love toward them. It's for their own good sometimes that you don't fellowship with them. (Lawful disfellowshipping is needful and appropriate) Because, maybe they will discover their sin and become ashamed and repent. In other words, sometimes we must get out of His way. He's not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Yahweh is long suffering also with those who are in need of either spiritual help, of encouragement. They've got problems they need help. The problems of others should not stop you. You continue right on loving and examining yourself. (Disfellowshipping also protects the main body)

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth;" This is very important, it doesn't rejoice in lawlessness.

But, what does it rejoice in? Truth. I'll show you what rejoicing in iniquity is, so maybe we can learn. If you know what rejoicing in iniquity is, maybe we can understand what rejoicing not in iniquity means. I can't stress this enough.

The bible is written to us, we're the ones under judgment. The world is under only a physical judgment. We are under spiritual judgment, because we are the ones to be changed at the coming of Yahshua at the last trump. He wants us there, He wants to finish the good work he started in us. (Some in the world are under spiritual judgment because they are being called, and they continue to resist.)

But, He still will not violate our freedom of choice. It has to be of the will of the individual. Yahweh will not force us to do His will. However, if we are not in His will, there will be dire circumstances for the elect. And know for certain, if He wants someone, He will do what is ever necessary to get them. Their election is sure! (Rom 8) He said, if any man will do the will of My Father, then he will known the doctrine, that it is of Yahweh and not of Myself. The individual has to set his will to make the change and do it. There is a time that we may drive Him away with our rebellion! In other words, Yahweh knows who will answer.

It says, love "Beareth all thing". Love bears all things, it puts up with the weakness of the

brethren. When brethren are weak, it puts up with it. In Romans 14 it says, you bear up under the burdens of the weak. You don't condemn them, you don't point your fingers. We are to lift up our less comely parts.

"Believeth all things, endureth all things". It always believes the best of people if it possibly can. If there's anything good to believe it tries to believe the best. It tries to look for the good in people. It hopeth all things, yes even when the sinner is committing his sins, it hopes that the individual will repent, it's one of the hopes that it has and it endureth all things for goodness sake.

So, what did it say back in Matthew 24? Love endures all things. Therefore, love can help you endure to the end for salvation. This is in direct contrast to the verse before, because iniquity abound, love grows cold. In a very great sense, love in the opposite of sin in a righteous context. If we endure in love and obedience, we will be saved.

"Charity never faileth: but, whether here be prophesies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part," but, that which is in part will be known fully at that time when Messiah comes back. Right now we see through a glass darkly. Some more and some less.

I Corinthians 11 talks about the Passover, taking the blood of Yahshua and the broken body. He says in verse 27 "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of Master unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of Yahshua."

Now this has every thing to do with what we are talking about. Remember, we can keep the things in the letter, but if we have a heart that regards iniquity then it's of no avail. Then we will be guilty of the body and blood of the Master. What does it mean to be guilty of the body and blood of the Master? Again, it means we're sinning. We're treating grace with disrespect. We're doing despite to the spirit of grace. Because, we are allowing ourselves to have iniquity. I have seen this happen in Passover services. Where there a fighting for position, even at the Passover. There's a lot of rank system within the Passover service. And this is particular with Worldwiders. We have to leave this Worldwide mind set and go on in Him. There is no place for this anymore. There is no place for organizations anymore! So what shall we do?

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Master's body." What does that mean? If you eat and drink judgment to yourself, what are you doing? Something's wrong in your life and you're committing some iniquity or sin somewhere. You are consenting to it. Then the Passover is taken in an unworthy manner. If you knowingly are committing some sin in your life or you're harboring some ill feeling or hatred toward a brother in the assembly, you are unworthy to take the emblems. Why, what does it say? We are guilty of the body and blood of the Master. That's guilty of His murder. Right? He was murdered, so we have sinned. Because sin brings forth the death penalty and He became sin for us, He took the penalty that was on us. If we are unworthy, we crucify Him all over again! Believe it! But, if one will look honestly at himself, and see what Yahweh wants to show him, the person can repent. But, I say that there is a problem here. This formula is not fool proof. Many deceive themselves to think that they are in a good stead, and they are not. They are not worthy. This is where, if there is open sin, the Elder must step in and counsel the person. If needs be, refuse him from the Passover emblem. This can be a leadership responsibility in some cases.

What does it say here? We're not discerning the Master's body. Today in the assembly

there are so many who do not discern the Master's body. They do not understand <u>who</u> the assembly is. They don't understand <u>where the body of the assembly</u> is. Many think, erroneously, that it is some organization somewhere. So, they elevate that organization or the leadership of that organization. Even the leaders themselves are guilty of this. <u>We must renounce all former group associations no matter what we think we received of them</u>. If we learned anything, we received it from Yahweh. That is what the scripture clearly says! They don't understand the Master's body. By not understanding the Master's body and where the assembly is, they really don't know who their own brothers are. Anyone who is keeping the commandments and striving for righteousness is in the Assembly of Yahshua is a brother. And we must add, others who are not keeping the commandments may be coming in, so they may be a brother in the near future. And that brother who is striving for purity has the Kodesh Spirit and the indwelling of Yahshua and Yahweh in them. Therefore what we do to someone, we do to Him. It gets very complicated! He is in us and we in them if we are baptized into the Son's true Name! That is part of the commandments! (Acts 2:38) Did anyone overlook that? Let us go on.

Yahshua said, I am going to send you prophets. Do you know the majority of groups today and the brethren will not receive prophets or gifts today! But the assembly can't even understand that there could be prophets as mentioned in Ephesians 4. One of the gifts is prophets. They allow apostles, but they don't allow prophets. They allow teachers and pastors and evangelist, but they don't allow prophets. <u>And they never allow one to speak in tongues!</u> <u>They are afraid of spiritual things.</u> Some lack faith and understanding! So they can't even discern the fact that Yahweh can send His prophets and the prophet is a member of the body of Messiah. This would be an example of taking the Passover in an unworthy manner when one would have condemnation in their heart toward another brother. And this only because he said something that did not agree with their doctrines and traditions. (I am not saying I am a prophet!) What is the result of this in the scripture?

"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." (Spiritually dead!) They are spiritually weak and when you are spiritually weak the adversary starts his work. You can be oppressed by demonic spirits when you open doors controlled by sin, (unforgiveness, covetous, idolatry, occult possessions and bitterness). We can come under viscous attack when we hold unforgiveness and bitterness. Some ask for spiritual prayer against spirits, but it usually does not help, because they will not repent of iniquity and change! It is all about sin and repentance. These attacks are part of the consequences of sin! Many die before their time. On the other hand, doesn't it say a kindly word gives health to the bones, when you have a happy heart, a merry heart it is health to you. But, when you have bitterness in your heart, it causes the body to suffer. If you have hatred, it causes the body to suffer. Then on top of this, one will come under attack. The point is that the spiritual can affect the body; so don't go to bed with anger in your heart. It is written: "don't let the sun go down on your wrath". Why? You won't sleep well, and sin and other things will burrow in. It's not good for you. He knows the best way, doesn't He?

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged". Yahweh is judging the assembly. Judgment is now on the assembly, and continues to grow to be worse. We must be mature enough to judge ourselves righteously.

He said, "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Master", this word chastening sounds bad, chastening never feels good, it feels bad until you are exercised by it. This is the plan... "that we should not be condemned with the world". But, we also know that in the morning it brings peace and righteousness.

What have I been saying? We are trying to keep one foot in the world and one foot in the assembly. Again, this is double mindedness and a man can not be continually double minded and be accepted. He says go all the way with Me. I don't want you to be condemned with the world. And if you have one foot in the world, you're going to be condemned with it. You can't sit on the fence. He doesn't want us to be fence sitters, nor look warm.

"Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another". Then he gives proper instruction of how to take the Passover in regards to a proper heart and attitude. Eschew evil and do good, cleans your hands...and love one another as I have loved you.

If we're going to possess the agape love of Yahweh, which is going to help us to endure to the end, then we must expunge the iniquity on a daily basis so that it will not cause our love to wax cold. We have read what the love of Yahweh is and what it does. Let us understand then in our private lives what is the love of Yahweh.

Back in Deuteronomy 6 there are some important verses that apply. Yahshua quoted this in the New Testament. It is the great commandment. Verses 4 & 5: "Hear, o Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is one Elohim: And thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Now the true assembly of Yahweh is the Israel of Yahweh, made up of Gentiles and Israelites. Both converted, both now one new man in Messiah. This group, or assembly must have this love and purity to be called His bride. This is done by conversion through the Kodesh Spirit. (We need to know how to get, grow and keep the Spirit...Get more Spirit)

That is the first thing. We must love Him with all our hearts. That's emotional, isn't it? With all your heart; isn't heart emotional? It means you love Him, you can actually reach up and try to hold on to Him and tell Him I love you. And maybe you can get truly emotional with Him at times. You can go to Him, because He is not going to push you away when we have made mistakes. (Pray in the Spirit...)

We can say to Him: "Oh, I goofed up again" You shall love Yahweh with all you heart. That leaves nothing left for self. If you love Him with all your heart, then there is no heart left for the carnal self. We are not going to have one foot in the world and one foot in the assembly. (Worldliness is self love and idolatry!) You're not going to be a fence sitter. We will find ourselves loving completely and uncontrollable as we never did before. This is His amazing work in us by the Spirit. We need to be desirous of this condition. With all your might, yes, all your strength. With every bit of strength you love Him. Love is manifested in emotions as well as in actions, in deeds and in attitudes. But, this is the great commandment of Yahweh. So we examine ourselves in this comparison. Are we loving like this? Are we loving what He loves and rejecting what He rejects? (There are things and people to reject)

Are we loving Him as we ought? Let's go to the opposite first. Idols, have we set up somebody or something before Yahweh?

What do we do with our time? Our time is our life. So if our life is wrapped up in Yahweh what do we do with the time? Is the majority of our time spent on our lives and pleasure, or things that help and please Him? Do we put Him last for bible study and prayer? Do we go to Him last when we need help? Is He on the shelf in the back, or is He on like a favorite shirt? Is He the most important thing in the day? Do we thank Him first...praise Him first? Would we give up all for just Him alone? Have we given up all?

So we sit and watch TV for hours, and hours. In the assembly people watch it. Some of them watch the pagan evangelists, some watch soap operas. Some of them watch wrestling, boxing, seeing people hurt. Some have sports as their idol. And sports is such a god in this

country and in some of the brethren. And I am sorry to say, some watch the tube on Sabbath! If you watch T.V. this much, you love the world and bring it right into your sanctified house!

Yes, we set up idols in our hearts. We vicariously, when we watch the sin of the world, bring it into our hearts and share in it's condemnation. We can not partake as a spectator, like Saul, and be separate. We become part of it and therefore condemned with it! These presentations are full of sin, adultery, stealing, murder, hatred and all kinds of wickedness and vice!

How many hours a day do we in the assembly of Yahweh spend opening up the word. Make a comparison? How about the time we spend eating, verses reading the word. It says we do not live by bread alone! Now, I'm not saying that you must study 10 hours a day. That is not realistic either, for we must have time to meditate on it. But, we need to look it up and see what it says to do and then do it, live it. This is especially true concerning our attitudes. His word must dwell in us. This is called His seed.

Another idol people have set up is our assembly organization and leaders. We need some one it seems in the assembly that is charismatic. He is so charismatic that he just puts a "spell" on people and they can't get along without him, or the organization that he represents. And then we believe that organization is the only source of the truth. This is idolatry. We want someone to do our religion for us. Now we do find ourselves looking to men, rather than Yahweh. And that is exactly what was happening in Revelation 2 & 3.

The leaders were set up so much that they could do most anything in iniquity and get away with it. "It has to be right, because the minister said so".

They forgot all about obeying an invisible ruler and King, Yahshua, and studying of His word. And if they see something contrary to what that minister says, they put that aside and go along with what the minister said. Because he told me the truth here, and he told me the truth there. contrary wise, if the Elder says to do something, and it is scriptural, then we should do it.

There are ministers of light that are actually of the dark side. If we do not know our word, and are converted and led by the Kodesh Spirit, we will not discern them clearly. The enemy can quote scripture. He quoted to Yahshua, thinking he could twist it and Yahshua wouldn't catch it, and cause Yahshua, by quoting scripture, to break the scripture. So ministers out there, leaders in Yahweh's assembly can quote scripture and mislead brethren. It can happen if people are so enthralled and believe he has to be right. Again, the other side of the problem is that many do not believe a true Minister even if he quotes straight out of the word! Yes, there must be a balance, and we must be more noble as the Bereans, and check the scripture daily.

What did Amos say? Two can not walk together unless they be agreed. Can two walk together except they be agreed? Now, a certain amount of disagreement is acceptable. If you come to a point in the road where one quits following Yahshua and he goes off a different way, you have a choice. Are you going to go with him and compromise, or you're going to go straight ahead with Yahshua? You're not going to walk together anymore. Paul said follow me as I follow Messiah. Many are sitting there in the assembly for all the wrong reasons, yet because they are a regular part, they assume they are ready for the Passover.

I tell you, there is a curse on the assembly of Yahweh today. Yahshua said it in Malachi. This judgment will be on Sacred Name people and even more on Laodicean everyday Sabbath keepers that refuse to be taught new spiritual things. (The Name, Kodesh Days, gifts, spiritual warfare ect.) If you look at the assembly of Yahweh beyond the boundaries, and look into each of their private lives and families, one will see many are living under a curse. Everyday they have difficulty, instead of everything of their hands being blessed to the full as it was promised!

There is trouble and suffering within the people and the assembly as a whole! This should not be! And there is a reason for it!

They're living in fear, they're living with hate in their hearts for other brethren because they can't discern the Master's body. And, consequently, they're taking the Passover unworthily to their own harm!

It is just like I said, one foot in the assembly doing everything in the letter and you look right, but the sin in you is from the world. You have one foot in the world and you're harboring this iniquity or idolatry in your heart. What's happening, you're going to die because of that idolatry. On the outside you look like you're doing everything right, but just like with mercury poisoning, it's doing its hidden work on the inside.

What did we learn years ago about leavening? Remember what we were taught, a little leaven leavens the whole lump, remember that. So a little sin leavens the whole. So if you let a little sin in the assembly, it leavens the whole assembly. If you let a little sin in your life it will leaven you and make you defiled before Yahweh. So we have to repent of that leaven.

What does it do when we put leaven out on the day of Passover? We are acting out what our High Priest did in taking the sin away. And we act that out by putting it out of our house. We can put sin out of our lives, with His help, but we must call upon Him for that supernatural assistance. The sin, once it's committed, is sin. We can't justify it, we have to go and ask forgiveness as I John tells us we can. That's how loving He is. That's how faithful He is. He is faithful to forgive our sin and cleans us...

So here with this mercury contamination in our mouths, we don't even suspect it. But now when somebody makes it clear, hey we've got an attitude that we have to change, now that we know about it. But, if we don't do something about it, it's our own fault. So if we carry bitterness, or whatever, and we don't want to serve the brethren, and would rather accuse them, and bring all manner of accusations against them, that's harboring that the poison. That leaven, that poison will be our undoing, because judgment begins at the house of Yahweh.

What are some of the acts of love? Let's go to the second commandment. The great commandment, loving your neighbor as yourself. Again, remember Yahshua said those who are my brethren, and my mother, and my sister are those who hear the word of Yahweh and keep it. They don't have just a form and ceremony, and deny the power thereof. They accept the power of Yahweh to keep the commandments in the spirit by the Spirit.. Judgment and mercy and kindness and the fruits of the spirit are manifest there. Therefore He said in Matthew...

Matthew 24:44 "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh". Many do not think that He is at the door. They are neither watching nor listening to the warnings. The warning is to repent, and make your paths straight. (Righteous) He is going to come in an hour that they are not looking for Him. They're not looking, they're not examining themselves, and they're not getting sin out of themselves. Not turning away from the sin. They will be caught sleeping with their lamps out of oil in darkness! (Matt 25)

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" Here is service to your brother. We will be required to serve and protect our brethren when the end is near. How can we serve a brother with a cold, hard heart. We can't! How can we open our homes when we don't know who true believers are? (No discernment...no understanding) Can we give food in due season, at the proper time, if our hearts are not right?

Now is the time to get rid of that stony heart. To have a change of heart. He says seek me while I am near. Because, there's coming a time when He is going to turn His back. (It is called

the end of grace.) There was a time He turned His back on Judah? Did you know He turned His back on Yahshua? Did you know that? When He hung on that stake, just before He died, the Father turned His back on sin and the suffering Yahshua took on.

He won't regard iniquity in us. He said, you've got to change in Isaiah 1. But, He turned His back on Yahshua and let Him die there all by Himself without His help. He let Him die there alone. Because, the Father is not going to regard sin and Yahshua was made sin for us. He took upon Himself our sins and the Father had to turn away.

But, today it is Yahshua who will turn from us, for judgment is given to Him! Now He says I'll never forsake you. But, there are conditions on that. That statement is for them who are trying and engaged in the struggle against sin! So now is the time, He's never going to forsake us, if we will stay in that attitude of repentance. And not stay in an attitude of bitterness toward brethren and all others too. Do we know who will be called? Do we know who will come in at the eleventh hour? No!

"Blessed is that servant, whom his master when he cometh shall find so doing." Doing what? Serving the brethren and Yahweh. Our attitude should be: "have you got any problems, can I help"? Withhold not good from those to whom it is do, when it's within your power to do so. Now, if it's not within my power to help, then I can't help. But, I've got to have the attitude, what is your problem, is there something I can help you with? Is it physical, is it emotional, is it spiritual, what can I do to help you. And I may not be able to, it may not be in my power to, but I'll try. You see, ...I'll try.

Paul said he was willing to spend and be spent for the brethren and Ministry. That's an attitude, isn't it? He went through all kinds of hell on earth to serve the brethren. He didn't have a bitter attitude, even toward those who were beating him and stoning him. He just got up and he said: look... it's through much tribulation that we're going to enter the kingdom. We will have trouble in the flesh, and in the world, but though faith and the Spirit, we can and must overcome! (Trouble from persecution is different from the trouble Yahweh gives us when we resist Him. Do you know the difference?)

"Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods". Those who are in service of the people, loving the people as themselves will be blessed forever. Loving others in and out of the assembly. You also love people in the world, you do not neglect them. Did Yahshua love people in His day? Sure He did. He fed them. He was their servant. He even washed the feet of Judas Iscariot. Now, am I supposed to be able to serve those who hate me? Yes. If there is a chance I can, with His help...I will.

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My master delayeth his coming..."; This is the person that must have an immediate reason to do right. If there is time, he will let down and go back to his carnal ways of the world. Obviously, his heart was not converted in the first place, or else Yahshua's immediate return would not be a factor. Therefore, it is a condemnation to have such a weak attitude. Yes, some try, only because they are afraid of the message of terrible judgment! But, this change is temporary and not a true conversion. Do you recognize true conversion? Interesting question?

"And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken." Do you know why he is smiting his fellow servants? Because, he doesn't recognize him as his fellow servant! He doesn't discern the Master's body. And he's going to be taking Passover in an unworthy manner. Sooner or later the ministers of Yahshua Messiah are going to have to rebuke these people in open sin. They have been lax in the past, but they will grow stronger and wax valiant. They will tell these that have open sin in their heart and life, that they can not take

the emblems there. And these righteous Ministers will be right and have a different Spirit like Joshua and Caleb.

Some think the minister is going to let me sit in the congregation and partake and I'm just going to make out like I'm so good and I'm so spiritual. These are deceivers sent to test the leadership and the congregation! Yes, do not be fooled! It is a test! Do not be confused about this! The Ministry is under double judgment!

It works both ways, it isn't just the ministers, and it isn't just the laymen, it is the whole assembly. We all have spots and blemishes on our robes from time to time! And we need someone to correct them. If we will not listen to Him, He will send someone else...and a second...

"The master of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth". The reason he's not aware, is because he chooses not to be aware. Yahshua will cut him off. What is the portion of the hypocrites? The lake of fire!

Do you think I am giving this sermon because I hate someone, or I'm finding fault with someone? Do you think I'm giving this sermon because I'm persecuted, or I'm hurt because someone is persecuting me? Not so!

The motivation for this sermon has been to keep people in the assembly, in the true body. To help them repent, come to see themselves and to turn and repent.

Let us all be over comers. Read Ephesians 4:22-32.

In Colossians 3:1-10, "If you then be risen with Messiah, through baptism in the only Name of Yahshua, seek those things which are above, attitudes of Messiah, His love, His way of looking at others, where Messiah sitteth on the right hand of Yahweh. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth". Don't get earthly. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Messiah in Yahweh." Let's make sure our carnal life is dead, that our old man is dead. Let Yahweh live totally in you.

"When Messiah who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:" All these can be applied spiritually as well as physically. Most of us are not doing these things physically, but some of us do have these things spiritually.

"For which things sake the wrath of Yahweh cometh on the children of disobedience."

"In the which ye also walked some time, when ye live in them."

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. "Lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him:" Because the new man is Messiah in us. Can we have good and bad coming out of the same fountain, bitter and sweet? No! That can not be! Conversion is change! And the first step is to repent and be baptized in the true Name! No other will do. The promises is based on this!

Verse 12, "Put on therefore, as the elect of Yahweh, Kodesh and beloved", yes we are beloved, we are made Kodesh by Messiah in us, *bowels of mercies*, the weightier matters of the law, don't harbor bitterness, don't harbor accusations, don't even let them come to your mind;

kindness, *humbleness of mind*, don't think you're so much better than anybody else in the assembly *meekness*, *long-suffering*."

Verse 13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Messiah forgave you, so also do ye."

Verse 14, "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." It's a bond that holds us together. His bond is love and faith in Yahshua and for one another.

Because if we do that brethren, if we put on the love of Yahweh and we are actually working on that, we will be overcoming ourselves. If we are doing that and we take our foot out of the world. We must be in the assembly of the living Elohim, and with all the kindness and mercy, the weightier matters of the law, then we are overcoming.

Here's the end result, here's what you can have hope in. Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Yahshua Messiah."

May Yahweh bless and keep all of us in His might hand, though Yahshua our Messiah.

Note: Please if there is any that are not sure of his spiritual condition, if there is any doubt, go to your Elder and counsel with him. This help, with prayer is available to us.

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