

Are You Building on the Foundation?

[CAVEAT: Everything between the pink brackets that is written in bold, ten-point, italic fonts are not to be taken as part of the scriptures. They are only my attempt to help the readers understand the scripture better. T.A.H.]

There are many many **Brethren** who are “**BABES**” or “**LITTLE ONES**” in the knowledge of the will of **Yahweh** that can only digest the milk of the word. There are also many Brethren who are more mature in the knowledge of the will of **Yahweh** who increasingly digest the strong meat of the word. But, **we** must **all** understand that **All Brethren** must start out as “**Babes**” or as “**little children**” in the **Messiah**.

Matthew 18 (3) And said, **Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.** (4) Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this **little child**, the same is greatest in the **Kingdom of Heaven**. (5) And whoso shall receive one such little child in **My name** receiveth **Me**. (6) But whoso shall offend one of these **little ones** which believe in **Me**, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

To become a “**BABE**” or a “**LITTLE CHILD**” in the **Messiah**, one must do what **Yahshua** said to do.

Mark 1 (14) Now after that John was put in prison, **Yahshua** came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the **Kingdom of Yahweh**, (15) And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Yahweh is at hand: REPENT and BELIEVE ye THE GOSPEL.**

Repent means to return from ones ways to **Yahweh's** ways. The gospel (good news) is that **Yahshua** died for the atonement for sins of the whole world and is now, risen from the dead, He is **Mediator** of the New Covenant.

Regardless of what organization they start out growing in, **All who truly repents** of their sins and **accepts the death of the Messiah as the atonement** for their sins, receives baptism in the name of the **Messiah** becomes a part of a very special Assembly. The Apostle Peter tells who they become through **Yahshua**.

First Peter 2 (5) Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a **Spiritual House**, a **Holy Priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to **Yahweh** by **Yahshua Messiah**. ... (9) But ye are a **Chosen Generation**, a **Royal Priesthood**, an **Holy Nation**, a **peculiar [exclusive; unique]** people; that ye should show forth the praises of **Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**:

The above scriptures confirm that **everyone in body** of the **Messiah is part** of the “**Royal Priesthood**”!

The Apostle Paul tells us that **All** grow into a **Holy Temple** in the **Sovereign** for a habitation of **Yahweh** through the spirit. He also mentions the **foundation** for it.

Ephesians 2 (19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of **Yahweh**; (20) And are built upon the **foundation** of the **Apostles and Prophets**, **Yahshua Messiah** **Himself** being the **Chief Corner Stone**; (21) In **Whom All** the building fitly framed together groweth unto a **Holy Temple** in the **Sovereign**: (22) In **Whom ye** also are builded together for a habitation of **Yahweh** through the Spirit.

Paul discusses different building materials to build on the foundation with in the following scripture.

I Corinthians 3 (10) According to the grace of **Yahweh** which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But **let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.** (11) For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, **which is Yahshua Messiah**. (12) Now if any man **build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble**; (13) **Every man's work** shall be made

manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by **fire**; and the **fire shall try every man's work** of what sort it is. (14) **If any man's work abide** which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.** (15) **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:** **but he himself shall be saved;** yet so as by **fire**.

It is obvious that the **gold**, the **silver**, and the **precious stones** represent **nonperishable things**. The **wood**, the **hay**, and the **stubble** represent **perishable things**.

Examples of **nonperishable things** are the **TRADITIONS** or **CUSTOMS** of **Yahweh**, the **RUDIMENTS** of the **KINGDOM OF Yahweh**, and the **COMMANDMENTS** of **Yahweh**. Undisputable!

Examples of **perishable things** are the **TRADITIONS** or **CUSTOMS** of **men**, the **RUDIMENTS of the world**, and **COMMANDMENTS of MEN** as seen in the following scriptures.

Colossians 2 (6) As ye have therefore received **Messiah Yahshua** the **Sovereign**, so walk ye in **Him**: (7) Rooted and built up in **Him**, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (8) **Beware** lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and **vain deceit**, after the **tradition of men**, after the **rudiments of the world**, and not after **Messiah**.

Matthew 15 (6) ... Thus have ye made the **commandment of Yahweh** of none effect by your **TRADITION**. (7) **Ye hypocrites**, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, (8) **This people draweth nigh unto ME with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me.** (9) **But In VAIN they do WORSHIP Me, teaching for doctrines the COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.**

The **wood**, **hay** and **stubble** which are the **TRADITIONS** or **CUSTOMS** of **men**, the **RUDIMENTS of the world**, and **COMMANDMENTS of MEN** **WILL NOT** come through the **fire**. **However many** of those **“BABES”** or **“LITTLE ONES”** shall be **saved**; yet so as by **fire** as was stated in I Corinthians 3:15 above.

Regardless of the sincerity, on **Judgment Day** all of the **worship** that was done with the **wood**, **hay**, and **stubble** (**TRADITIONS** or **CUSTOMS** of **men**, the **RUDIMENTS of the world**, and the **COMMANDMENTS of men**) **WILL BE LOST**. Many of those **“BABES”** or **“LITTLE ONES”** in those organizations building with those **perishable things** will be found almost naked. **They can be saved yet as of by fire.**

Does that mean that everyone in all assemblies will still be saved? No.

Matthew 7 (21) **Not every one that saith unto Me, Sovereign, Sovereign, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father** which is in Heaven. (22) **Many will say to Me in that day, Sovereign, Sovereign**, have we not prophesied in **Thy name?** And in **Thy name** have cast out devils? And in **Thy name** done many wonderful works? (23) **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work *iniquity.**

*“Iniquity” (word # G458) means “**illegality**” i.e. violation of law. He referred to violating **Yahweh’s** law.

As **“BABES”** or **“LITTLE ONES”** in the **Messiah** grow spiritually, they learn more and more of which laws to quit violating to be more in the will of **Yahweh**. We all experience that continually.

Sin is the **transgression** of the **law** and we have to stop **sinning** or **transgressing** **HIS law** if we expect to abide in **Him**, see **Him** or know **Him**.

I John 3 (4) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**. (5) And ye know that **He** was manifested to take away our sins; and in **Him** is no sin. (6) Whosoever abideth in **Him** sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen **Him**, neither known **Him**.

Replacing the **TRADITIONS** or **CUSTOMS** of **Yahweh**, the **RUDIMENTS** of the **KINGDOM OF Yahweh**, and the **COMMANDMENTS** of **Yahweh** with the **TRADITIONS** and or the **CUSTOMS** of **MEN**, the **RUDIMENTS** of the **world**, and the **COMMANDMENTS** of **MEN** is not in accordance to the laws of **Yahweh**. Therefore, it is iniquity.

Consequently, we do have many Brethren out there even though they are still just “**BABES**” in the **Messiah**. It can also be very dangerous to remain a Babe. As the parable in Matthew 25 relates, if you don't use that which you have been given you are subject to have it taken away from you and given to someone else.

Therefore, we as Brethren, must share the word with one another with **LOVE**. We must be extremely careful not to **exalt** ourselves above any of the “**BABES**” or “**LITTLE ONES**” lest we make **judgmental errors** concerning some of those who have repented according to their knowledge and **accepted** the **Messiah's** death as the **atonement** for their sins. If we are not careful, we may offend or cause them to stumble even farther from the truth.

We make a serious mistake when we make others feel that they cannot be saved unless they are obedient to all the laws that we understand that we are to obey. **This turns them off and then we don't have a chance to witness any further to them.**

We must also try to keep these scriptures in mind.

Romans 14 (4) Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for **Yahweh** is able to make him stand. ... (10) But why dost thou judge thy Brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy Brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of **Messiah**. ... (13) Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his Brother's way.

II Timothy 2 (23) But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. (24) And the servant of **Yahweh** must not strive; but be **gentle** unto all *men*, **apt to teach, patient**, (25) In **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if **Yahweh** peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Even though there are many organizations which have built **upon the foundation of the Messiah** dying for our sins with mostly **wood, hay** and **stubble**, we can still **rejoice and not condemn** them because they **do preach** that the **Messiah's** death is the atonement for man's sins. The Apostle Paul felt the same way.

Philippians 1 (15) Some indeed preach **Messiah** even of **envy and strife**; and **some also of good will**: (16) the **one preach Messiah of contention, not sincerely**, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: (17) but the **other of love**, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. (18) What then? Notwithstanding, every way, **whether in pretense, or in truth, Messiah is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

Many of those congregations neither know the name of the **Messiah** nor of our **Heavenly Father**. They know very little about the **laws** of the **Kingdom of Heaven**. However, they at least get the message that it is through the risen **Messiah's** death that we have the opportunity to accept His death as the atonement for our sins. Many of their members have repented according to their knowledge and **accepted** the **Messiah's** death as the **atonement** for their sins. I was one of them and **Yahweh** had mercy on me. Because of His mercy I became one of **Yahshua Messiah's** “**LITTLE ONES**” before I was called out of that Babylonian system and her worship with **mostly TRADITIONS** and **CUSTOMS** of **MEN**, the **RUDIMENTS** of the **world**, and the **COMMANDMENTS** of **MEN**. He graciously led me to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our **Savior Yahshua Messiah & His Father Yahweh's Kingdom of Heaven**. Hallelu**Yah**!!!

After accepting the **Messiah's** death as the atonement for ones sins and truly repenting, everyone should be

baptized in the name of the **Messiah** for remission of sins and to receive the Holy Spirit. When and if they outgrow their organization in the grace and knowledge of the **Messiah** and that organization refuses to grow with them, then maybe it is time to move on to wherever the Spirit of **Yahweh** leads them and “come out of Babylonish assembly where you were called.” YES! **Yahweh** has **people** starting out in Spiritual Babylonish assemblies. If **He** didn't have any in them, **He** would not send out the command for them to come out.

Revelation 18: (4) And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, **Come out of her, My people**, that ye be not partakers of **her** sins, and that ye receive not of **her** plagues. (5) For **her** sins have reached unto Heaven, and **Yahweh** hath remembered **her iniquities**.

We will all be greatly rewarded if we will heed the following advice given through the Apostle Paul.

II Thessalonians 3 (6) Now we command you, Brethren, in the name of our **Sovereign Yahshua Messiah**, that ye withdraw yourselves from every Brother that **walketh disorderly**, and **not after the tradition which he received of us**. (7) For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; ... (14) And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. (15) Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

I Thessalonians (14) Now we exhort you, Brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

The above article was based on my first sermon at the **Eldorado Department of Corrections Facility** in Eldorado, Kansas in April of 1998. On **6-24-19**, I added the following addendum to it.

Addendum: Many more people do not know about the name of **Messiah**, the name His **Father** or about the laws of the **Kingdom of Heaven**. Many of them will get their start on their journey to the truth in Babylonish congregations that have been building with mostly **perishable things** upon the true **foundation** of the **Messiah** dying for their sins. If most of us in the Sacred Names Movement would admit it (I do & I did) we started out on our journey to the truth in one or more of those Babylonish Congregations as “**BABES**” or “**LITTLE ONES**” in **Messiah**. So, **if we condemn those congregations to eternal death we are also condemning ourselves as well as all the “LITTLE ONES” in Messiah** who are being called out by **Yahweh** now to start on their journey to the truth and those whom He may be calling out in the future.

While knowing that **Yahweh** and **Yahshua Messiah** are **gracious, loving, merciful, forgiving, longsuffering** and **righteous**, these verses come to mind when wondering how many more will be called and when.

Romans 9 (15) For **HE** saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **[Exodus 33:19]**

John 12 (30) **Yahshua** answered and said, **This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes.** (31) **Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.** (32) **And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.**

I Timothy 2 (4) **Who will have all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (5) **For there is one El, and one Mediator between Yahweh and men, the Man Messiah Yahshua;** (6) **Who gave Himself a ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.

II Peter 3 (9) **Yahweh** is not slack concerning **His** promise, as some men count slackness; but **is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

John 3 (16) For **Yahweh** so loved the world, that **He** gave **His** only begotten **Son**, that whosoever believeth in **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For **Yahweh** sent not **His Son** into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through **Him** might be saved. (18) He that believeth on **Him** is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten **Son of Yahweh**.

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