

The Shabbat of Man versus the Shabbat of YAHWEH
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Today, day 2 of the 12th month 5991, YAHWEH gave me the following word to share with each of you that it might bring you encouragement and strength and hope:

Shmuel-Samuel Alef 13:8-14

Verse 8 – And he, (King Shaul) tarried seven days, according to the set time that Shmuel had appointed: but Shmuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

As I was laying in bed this morning, meditating on the above verse, I realized that this is one of the keys to understanding the way that men think they walk and obey YAHWEH, but in fact they do not. As I write these thoughts down, I am reminded by a verse in Proverbs that says “There is a way that seems to be right to a man, but the end result is spiritual death”. A lot of the things that we think we are doing correctly, we find that we are not, and it is much like the captain of a boat that steers according to a compass and the rudder. If he were to leave his post and go lie down and sleep, he would find out that the boat drifted off course during the time that he was not at his post. He would have to rise up, and make the necessary adjustments to get his boat back on course.

As many of us know and understand, our exile came as a result of our ancestors’ refusal to follow the compass of the Torah of YAHWEH, and drifted so far off course that they forgot the Torah and turned from following after YAHWEH. Now, many thousands of years later, we who want to follow the Torah of YAHWEH, find that the ship that we have been sailing on has drifted way off course, and in order for us to re-adjust our direction, we have to re-define the correct truths. And, as these new truths, the restored truths, are brought back, then, we can take hold of the wheel and interpret the correct settings of the compass of the Torah of YAHWEH, and get this ship back on course.

There are many things, such as the appointed times and seasons, and the correct biblical Shabbats that have been altered to serve mankind who have misbehaved before YAHWEH.

In Shmuel-Samuel Alef chapter 13 verse 8, above, we find that King Shaul tarried for seven days waiting for the appointment that Shmuel had made, but jumped the gun in that in verse 9, we find what he did:

Verse 9 – Bring here a burnt offering to me, and shalom offerings. And he offered the burnt offering”.

Now King Shaul committed two trespasses in this one verse. The first was that he did not wait for Shmuel-Samuel. The scripture has told us that he waited seven days. As we read on, Shmuel came the next day, which would have been the eighth day or day 8 of the month/moon as the first biblical Shabbat of that month. The second transgression was that Shaul offered the sacrifice when he did not have the biblical qualifications to do so.

Verse 10 – And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, see, Shmuel came; and Shaul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

Verse 11 – And Shmuel said, What have you done? And Shaul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you came not within the days appointed, and that the Plishtim gathered themselves together at Michmash;

Notice that Shaul waited, but he used something that was not totally correct: He used a method of tracking time not totally and biblically correct. He assumed that he was keeping the right time, because he probably went to the leaders of that day and sought their not so wise counsel, and instead of waiting until Shmuel who had a prophetic anointing had returned, he sinned. He also saw that the Plishtim had gathered against him and feared what man would do to him and sinned against YAHWEH.

The way we keep Shabbat and what day we use is a way that YAHWEH tests us to see if we will follow Him.

Verse 12 – Therefore said I, The Plishtim will come down now upon me in Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to YAHWEH; **I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.**

Keeping the wrong day even though you know the truth is FORCING the issue or FORCING a burnt offering.

Verse 13 – And Shmuel said to Shaul, You have done foolishly: you have not kept the commandment of YAHWEH your Elohim, which He commanded you (following man's Shabbat day too early, thus rejecting YAHWEH's true biblical Shabbat and rejecting YAHWEH): for now would YAHWEH have established your malchut upon Yisrael le-olam-va-ed.

Verse 14 – But now your malchut shall not continue: YAHWEH has sought Himself a man after His own lev, (one that will walk in the true biblical Shabbat and will honor and follow Yahweh, and will not fear man, when we read further, we will see what Dawid said to the giant, "You uncircumcised Plishtim, why do you taunt the armies of the living Elohim?" If Dawid had feared man, he would not have been able to overcome the giant), and YAHWEH has commanded him to be the leader over His people, because you have not kept that which YAHWEH commanded you.

The people that honor the 7th day Roman Saturday as Shabbat, or the Shabbat of men and tradition, act foolishly in not keeping the commandments of YAHWEH. For instance, we know of at least two leaders in the Messianic movement that believe that they are higher than YAHWEH, and the commandments of YAHWEH are for everyone else to follow, but for some reason or the other, they have been excluded. In doing so, they and others like them have become false leaders and blind guides and the Scriptures teach us that the blind will lead the blind and they will both fall into a ditch (meaning they will fall in, but will not be able to get out), and they will be like the swine that the shedim entered and they raced over the cliff and drowned and died. These false leaders are with us today prophesying lies to us and we need to turn away from them and their teachings and get back to the compass of the Torah and follow YAHWEH.

At another place in Shaul's life, we find that he sought the witch of Endor for direction about a battle (see First Samuel-Shmuel Alef 28:7-25), rather than humbling himself and following after YAHWEH. He sought the spirit of s.a.tan to give him direction. When people refuse to follow the Truth, we often find that the occultic spirits of this age are more desirous and pleasurable, such as strong drink, drugs, etc. It is very spiritually dangerous to reject clearly presented truth once it has been shown.

Now here's another example of missing the appointed time! Shemoth-Exodus 32:1 – And when the people saw that Moshe delayed to come down out of the mount, **(thinking that he was coming down on man's calendar)**, the people gathered together to Aharon, and said to him, Get up, make us elohim, that shall go before us; for as for this Moshe, the man that brought us up out of the land of Mitzrayim, we do not know what has become of him.

Apparently, there was a day that was celebrated in Egypt and the people thought that Moshe was going to come down on that day. As this day got closer, the leaders and people got nervous, and decided to take things into their own hands. As we read in Exodus 32 verses 2-4, we see what Aharon did when he made the golden calf. (Notice, Aharon made the calf, and it was not just some jewelry that got melted and thrown into the fire and voila, out came the calf. No, this thing was fashioned by Aharon and he, like Shaul, feared what man might do to him, if he refused their demands.)

Verse 2 – And Aharon said to them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, (notice that the sons had their ears pierced and look like the young men of today) and of your daughters, and bring them to me.

Verse 3 – And all the people broke off the golden earrings that were in their ears, and brought them Aharon.

Verse 4 – And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a golden calf: and they said, These be your elohim, O Yisrael, which brought you up out of the land of Mitzrayim.

Verse 5 – And when Aharon saw it, he built an altar before it and Aharon made a proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a moed-appointed time-feast to YAHWEH. This was day 7 of the 3rd month, a day after Shavuot and a day before Shabbat.

Verse 6 – And they rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings, and bought shalom offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to offer to s.a.tan their bodies as sinful offerings. (They followed because they were following a different leader and that leader had a different day.) And on this kind of day, their fleshly desires ran rampant. Several years ago, I wrote a little tune which fits here: “Sin’s slave I have been all the days of my life”, for following different moedim-appointed times, of which the 7th day Shabbat is the first.

We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices that is holy and pleasing before YAHWEH. We cannot do this if we are serving s.a.tan and allowing him to dictate when we have Shabbat. If we allow him to direct our Shabbats based on the MASSES, we do not follow YAHWEH, but follow s.a.tan. Brothers and sisters of the restoration, it is time to take courage and to be strong and to come out from following s.a.tan, and make teshuvah and return to Yahweh.

There was this issue at Senai, when YAHWEH called to Moshe to come up with Yahoshua. They went up and Moshe told the leaders that he would be down in forty days. They waited forty days, according to the counting of men), and then said that Moshe was dead, and made a golden calf (7th day Shabbat according to men) and worshipped and celebrated. Moshe came down from the mountain of YAHWEH at the appointed time set by YAHWEH, and the rest of the camp was worshipping the calf, bowing down to it, having orgies and the like, and one sin led to another and the camp was sinning against YAHWEH in much the same way that Ahdahm and Chavah sinned by eating from the wrong tree. Could it have been a true biblical Shabbat when the calf was made and the people profaned YAHWEH at that time? Or could it have been man’s Shabbat when they worshipped the calf with the strong drink and other intoxicating drug, and the appearance of the calf’s image was changed before their eyes and they bowed down to s.a.tan and his lies? YES because it was a moed declared by man apart from the sun and moon!

What I am trying to say is that the people that Moshe told that he would be back in forty days, well, they followed the counting of man, and not the counting of YAHWEH. Because they did not follow the commandments of YAHWEH, they fell into great sin.

So, I think that there is a warning to be given here: Those of us who fear man and fear that our monthly support will stop because we might teach restoration truths and choose not to do so, well, we are leading the multitudes into direct rebellion before YAHWEH. This is serious. The two main passages mentioned above concerning the sin of King Saul-Shaul and the sin of Aharon, deal with the spirit of rebellion or the spirit of s.a.tan, who tells people half-truths. These false shepherds are the ones that are causing YAHWEH’s people to be scattered, and the days are coming when these false prophets will cease. (Unfortunately, the ignoramuses that follow them will cease, as well).

And, YAHWEH will continue to raise up a righteous remnant that will follow the restoration truths about following YAHWEH on the correct days. He will continue to reveal new truths and still more truths, and as Daryl prophesied, there will be those that will receive the Word because they know what to do with good seed...they will produce a harvest of righteousness.

Yeshayahu 45:8 **Drop down, you shamayim, from above, and let the skies pour down tzedakah:** let the earth open, and let them bring forth Yahshua, and let tzedakah spring up together; I YAHWEH have created it.

And now, we have the verse in Yahoshua 24:15 where we see Yahoshua drawing a line in the sand, saying to the people to choose this day whom you will serve. Do you follow the commandments of men and honor the Shabbat of men, all the while you are in rebellion to YAHWEH? (No wonder He gave the people over...those that follow the commandments of men walk in all kinds of debauchery, and the sins found in the book of Romiyah 1). **Or do we follow the commandments of YAHWEH? As for me and my house, we will follow the Shabbat that was appointed by YAHWEH, the 8, 15, 22, 29, and we will walk in YAHWEH’s ways and we will be found in Him, honoring Him and walking kadosh before Him, as difficult as that may be thousands of years after the 7th day Shabbat was desecrated.**

Before I close, there is another very important passage of scripture that deals with the two sons of Aharon that offered the strange fire before YAHWEH, found in the book of Wayiqra-Leviticus 10:1-7. Could it have been that

they did not revere the Shabbat to keep it holy before YAWHWEH according to the true biblical Shabbat, and brought the fire on the day of the week that the people danced before the golden calf, an anti-messiah pagan feast day, and that is part of the reason why they were destroyed? I think that their sin had several very important ramifications, about which I hinted to as a warning above. To recap:

1 We are to honor YAHWEH and to keep His set apart days as holy, following His true biblical Shabbats, regardless of the cost.

#2 We are not to dishonor YAHWEH by bringing strange fire into His presence, which includes trying to bring in false moadim that were not ordained by Him. This makes YAHWEH very angry and He would destroy us all if it were not for faith intercessors that walk with YAHWEH as Moshe did and if not for the Great Intercessor Messiah Yahshua.

#3 What is strange fire? It comes from following s.a.tan. How? There are those that follow leaders that follow s.a.tan. The fruit, well, they have no fruit. Strange fire encourages the works of the flesh, i.e., New Year's celebrations, Carnival, Mardi Gras, dabbling in the spirits, transvestite conferences, pagan seasons, false Shabbats, and lying signs and wonders.