Throughout this writing, when referring to God or Jesus you will see me using their Hebrew names. The reason for this is as follows: the word “God” is a title, not a name. God’s name, however, is made up of the Hebrew letters Yod, Hey, Vav, and Hey and looks like this reading from right to left in Hebrew יהוה. This is the name that is translated as LORD in all caps in your King James Bible. I will be referring to God the Father as Yehovah throughout this writing. The name “Jesus” is actually a translation of a translation. Jesus comes from the Greek name “Jesous” which is a translation of His Hebrew name, Yehoshua. If Yehoshua were translated directly into English it would be more like “Joshua” rather than “Jesus.” Some say “Yeshua,” which is a shortened form of His name, the difference of two letters. The name Yeshua looks like this in Hebrew ישוע, and it is made up of the Yod, Sheen, Vav, and Ayin, and means “salvation” or “he saves.” The name Yehoshua looks like this in Hebrew יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, and is made up of the letters Yod, Hey, Vav, Sheen, and Ayin. As you can see, the first three letters are the same as the Father’s name Yehovah, and it means “Yah saves.” Our Messiah’s Hebrew name means “Yah Saves,” and He is indeed our only salvation. I will refer to Jesus by His Hebrew name Yehoshua throughout this writing. It’s not the pronunciation that is important, but rather that Yehovah sees His children trying to learn His name and say it. I imagine this sounding to Him like a young child, who doesn’t yet know how to speak, trying to learn how to say “Daddy” to his father. He may only be able to say “Da-Da” at first, but even that is enough to melt a Father’s heart.
Parables

There are four essential elements needed to grow a fruit-producing tree successfully: Seed, Good Soil, Water, and Light. Figuratively, the same is needed for Yehovah’s seed to grow inside of us.

To understand what Yehovah’s seed is we must first obtain an understanding of the Parable of the Sower taught by Yehoshua Messiah. The Parable of the Sower can be found in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. We’ll be looking at these three accounts in conjunction with one another so that we may gain a complete understanding of the message that Messiah is teaching us.

Yehoshua taught in parables.

The word “Parable” in Greek, is defined in Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance as:

- **parabole** (Strong’s Greek 3850) - a similitude (“parable”), i.e. (symbolic) fictitious narrative (of common life conveying a moral)

In Hebrew, the word “Parable” is:

- **mishal** (Strong’s Hebrew 4912) – in some original sense of superiority in mental action; properly a pithy maxim, usually of metaphorical nature; hence a simile (as an adage, poem, discourse): - byword, like, parable, proverb.

In fact, this is the Hebrew word for the book we call Proverbs; the proverbs are parables. In Hebrew, a word’s root word is always associated with its meaning. For example, the root word for Mishal (proverb) is:

- **mishal** (Strong’s Hebrew 4910) – a primitive root; to rule – (have, make to have) dominion, governor, X indeed, reign, (bear, cause to, have) rule (-ing, -r), have power.

Interestingly, Yehoshua Messiah has been given all dominion, or ruling power, over all creation, so it is indeed fitting that He spoke in parables, and that He taught about the ruling authority called the Kingdom of Heaven in parables.

Yehoshua tells us that if we do not understand the parable of the sower we will not understand all other parables.

**MARK 4:13 (KJV)**

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

There must be something very important for us to learn from the Parable of the Sower. It is quite possible that not only all of Messiah’s parables hinge upon an understanding of this one, but all of Scripture as well. Notice that Messiah didn’t say this only applied to the parables He uttered. There are many, many parables found throughout the Bible.
The Seed

The word Greek word translated as “Seed” is defined in Strong’s as:

sporos (Strong’s Greek 4703) – a scattering (of seed.)

Let’s begin to examine this parable.

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed That Fell by the Way Side

MATTHEW 13:3-4
Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

MARK 4:3-4
Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

LUKE 8:5
A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

The Seed That Fell Upon Stony Ground

MATTHEW 13:5-6
Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

MARK 4:5-6
And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

LUKE 8:6
And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

The Seed That Fell Among the Thorns
MATTHEW 13:7
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

MARK 4:7
7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

LUKE 8:7
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

The Seed That Fell on Good Ground

MATTHEW 13:8
8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

MARK 4:8
8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

LUKE 8:8
8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold.

After Yehoshua taught this parable He spoke to His disciples in private where they asked Him for its meaning.

LUKE 8:9
9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Why was it “given” to the disciples to know the mystery? It was given to them because the disciples sought after and followed Yehoshua when He called them, and they believed that He was the Son of God. But where did their faith come from? How did they know He was the Son of God?

MATTHEW 16:13-17
13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

This word was not given to them by a man, but placed in their hearts and revealed to them by God.

Messiah begins to explain the parable of the sower:

**LUKE 8:11**
11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

**MARK 4:14**
14 The sower soweth the word.

Messiah says it very plainly, the sower is sowing The Word of God.

The Greek word for “Word” is defined in Strong’s as:

*logos* (Strong’s Greek 3056) – something said (including the thought); also reasoning computation; specially the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ)

The disciples knew Yehoshua was the Messiah because God had planted the seed of His Word in their hearts. It was “given” to them by God to know who Yehoshua was, because God chose them, Yehoshua called them, and they came.

The Word, or Seed, is the spoken thought of God that is planted into the heart of man.

When seed is planted into good soil it grows, produces the fruit after its own kind, and then more of that same seed. Likewise, when the Word is planted into man and is received the Word grows, and then produces more of God’s Word.

Yehoshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Christ) is the Living Word of God.

**JOHN 1:1-3**
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**JOHN 1:14**
14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**REVELATION 19:13**
13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**HEBREWS 4:12**
For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Messiah IS God’s Word who was, and who is, and who is to come. When we diligently seek the Father by studying scripture we are coming to the Messiah, and allowing Him to cleanse us through God’s Word by His Spirit.

**EPHESIANS 5:25-27**

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

By washing in God’s Word, we are watering the Seed of His Word and allowing it to take root in us. The anointing of the Holy Spirit then teaches us and guides us into all truth so that we are not relying on man to tell us their interpretation of what God said.

**1 JOHN 2:27**

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The word “Anointing” is defined in Strong’s as:

**chrisma** (Strong’s Greek 5545) – an unguent or smearing, i.e. (figurative) the special endowment (“chrism”) of the Holy Spirit; - anointing, unction.

In the same way that Messiah taught His disciples then, the Holy Spirit teaches His followers today. Messiah spoke in fictitious narratives (parables) so that the mystery of God would not be revealed to those who are not His. This is by design because not everyone is supposed to understand. Only the ones God calls, who have a humble heart, and who diligently seek to do His will can know the teaching. When we diligently seek Yehovah through His Word, through His Son (“no one comes to the Father except through Me”), we are showing our love and obedience. This private, or personal, relationship is required in order for the mysteries of the Word to be revealed to us. Yehoshua explains this to His disciples:

**MATTHEW 13:11-13**

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

The word mystery is defined in Strong’s as:
**musterion** (Strong’s Greek 3466) – from a derivative of *(to shut the mouth); a secret or “mystery”*(through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites): -mystery.

Our Father wants to know if we truly love Him. He wants to know if we’ll walk in His way or after the dictates of our own hearts. Yehovah rewards those who diligently seek Him with His wisdom and understanding of the Scriptures.

**HEBREWS 11:6**

> 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: **for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarde**r of them that diligently seek him.

Messiah (the Word of God) teaches his disciples in private. In that same way, the Holy Spirit, who comes in the name of Yehoshua Messiah, will teach those who truly love Him and diligently seek Him. When we come to Him through His Word, He will teach us privately just as he did with His disciples.

The Word of God is the Truth which cleanses us. When Messiah prayed for His people, He asked that God would purify us with His truth; His Word. When a man teaches us, we have no way of knowing if he’s speaking truth or not if we haven’t studied God’s Words for ourselves. If the Holy Spirit is guiding you, you will know the teaching is true.

**JOHN 17:17**

> 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

The word “Sanctify” is defined in Strong’s as:

**hagiazo** - (Strong’s Greek 37)

to make holy, i.e. (ceremony) **purify** or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: hallow, be holy, sanctify.

**JOHN 15:1-5**

> 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
> 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
> 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
> 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
> 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: **He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit**; for without me ye can do nothing.

**JOHN 15:26-27**

> 26 But when **the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
> 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.
Messiah is the Vine and we are His branches. When we bear witness of Him we are bearing His fruit (the fruit of the Word.) A branch cannot bear good fruit without the True Vine. If Messiah is the “True” Vine, then it stands to reason that there must be a “false” vine as well. Our “fruit” represents our works or deeds, and the things we do or say reveal what seed we have inside of us.

**GALATIANS 3:16**

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

You will know them by their fruits.

**MATTHEW 7:15-20**

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

If the Word of God is in us, we walk according to the Word of God. We should have no need to convince others of our beliefs with our words, because the way we live our lives will reveal what kind of seed is in us.

“A pear tree doesn't produce pears to prove it is a pear tree. A pear tree produces pears because IT IS a pear tree.”

“... when we are Christians obedience is the fruit of a Christian life. It is simply the lifestyle of a person who loves the Lord and lives by faith. That person is not a legalist, he's not trying to earn anything, he knows that Jesus paid it all.”

-C.D. Brooks

**1 JOHN 2:3-6**

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

If what you are being told or taught does not line up with what God’s Word says, you will know the teaching is false, and the fruit corrupt. Many teach out of ignorance rather than intention to deceive, and that is just one of the reasons why it is so important to know what God’s Word says.

The Seed is The Word of God
The Seed is The Living Word of God, Yehoshua HaMashiach.
The Soil

The Seed of the Word is placed into various types of soil. The soil symbolizes the heart of man in which the seed is planted. In fact, when God created man He formed him from the soil, or dust, of the ground.

GENESIS 2:7
7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Yehoshua explains what happens to the Word when it is planted inside various types of people, and how it is heard. He asks us to hear the parable, and then He explains it.

MATTHEW 13:18
18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

If you pay close attention you can recognize these characteristics in people today.

The Seed That Fell by the Way Side

MATTHEW 13:19
19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

MARK 4:15-20
15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

LUKE 8:12
12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

When this one hears the Word, it is it immediately snatched away by Satan and then forgotten. Notice, according to Matthew, this happens when the Word of God is heard, but the one receiving the seed does not understand it, nor does he seek to understand it. Without understanding of God’s Word, how can we call upon His Word for salvation? Without understanding, how can we believe (have faith) in Him? If we do not have faith in Him, how then can we be saved? What is faith? Faith comes by hearing the Gospel (or good news) of God’s Word, understanding it, and obeying it.

ROMANS 10:13-17
13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

This is not a New Testament concept. Hearing has always been tied to belief, understanding, and obedience. The Hebrew word for “hear” is:

Sh’ma (Strong’s Hebrew 8085) – to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively to tell, etc.): -X attentively, call (gather) together, X carefully, X certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, X diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), X indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, X surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

What we commonly refer to as the “Old Testament,” is called the TaNaKh by our Jewish brethren. This is an acronym for the books that make up the “Old Testament,” and stands for Torah (“Teaching”, also known as the Five Books of Moses), Nevi’im (“Prophets”) and Ketuvim (“Writings”). The TaNaKh was written primarily in Hebrew, and in Hebrew there is no word for “obey” apart from this word “Sh’ma.” In the TaNaKh, when you see the English word translated as “obey” you will find this Hebrew word “Sh’ma.”

Messiah was a Hebrew of the tribe of Judah. When He tells us to “hear” over and over again, this is the word He would have been using. “He who has an ear to sh’ma, let him sh’ma!” Hear this word intelligently, understand it, obey it, and proclaim it. In fact, according to our Messiah, this is how we keep the first and greatest commandment.

MARK 12:28-30
28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear (sh’ma), O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9
4 Hear (sh’ma), O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:
5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

James speaks about the importance of receiving the implanted word in the soil of our hearts, and doing what it says. He speaks of those who hear the word “which is able to save our souls,” but do not do it.

**JAMES 1:21-25**

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted (implanted) word, which is able to save your souls.
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

We can see the seed that fell by the wayside here in James words. When one hears the word, but does not do it, he immediately forgets it allowing Satan to snatch God’s Word from his heart.

**The Seed That Fell Upon Stony Ground**

**MATTHEW 13:20-21**

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;
21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

**MARK 4:16-17**

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;
17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

**LUKE 8:13**

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

This one hears the Word gladly, and he may even profess to be a Christian, but perhaps he has allowed the traditions and teachings of man to take precedence over God’s commands; he may only know God by what he has been taught by men. He has heard the good news and received the Word, but he hasn’t allowed it to take root in himself because he hasn’t studied on his own as a disciple of Yehoshua Messiah, allowing the Spirit to teach Him.
MARK 12:13-14a
Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words. When they had come, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth.”

If our Messiah didn't regard the teachings of men over the truth of His Father's Word, why then do we? So often we cling tightly to that which cannot be found in Scripture more than we cling to that which is.

MARK 7:6-13
6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Messiah said that this soil has no root in it. What might this root be?

ISAIAH 11:10
10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

REVELATION 22:16
16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

The Messiah is the root! Because this man hasn’t meditated on the Word to know Truth, when he hears the true Word it will either not line up with what he has been taught or when he is asked questions about his beliefs, or is challenged in any way about what the Word actually says, he immediately becomes offended because he doesn’t have the wisdom or knowledge that can only come from being firmly rooted in the truth of God’s Word. Rather than calmly speaking the truth, he may become angry and defensive, because he doesn’t have truth of the Word and of Messiah established in him.

Recall that an understanding of this parable will help us understand all parables; the seed is the Word of God.

ISAIAH 5:21-24
Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!
Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:
Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!
Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

We must always be ready to humbly give an answer of “the hope” of the promises given in God’s Word that is “in us.”

1 PETER 3:14-15
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;
15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The “hope that is in us” is the implanted Word.

PSALM 119:114
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

The Seed That Fell Among the Thorns

MATTHEW 13:22
22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

MARK 4:18-19
18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,
19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

LUKE 8:14
14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

This one is consumed by the world. He seeks after money, fame, possessions, etc. The cares of the world take precedence over serving God. He may hear the Word and want it to manifest in him, but because the cares of the world overcome he is unable to see past the flesh and into the Spirit. Lusting after worldly possession becomes the focus, rather than seeking after God, and the worries of the world weigh him down. The veil of his flesh is too thick, therefore, he cannot hear the Word and have it manifest or grow in him because he cares too much about what his flesh
wants or of what other people may think. The thorns he is among may be negative influences or distractions around him and ungodly people who choke the Word in him, rendering it unfruitful. This one has a fear of man, rather than a fear of God. Satan is very good at keeping our minds busy with outside cares and stresses of the world. One of the most popular reasons for not reading one’s Bible is a lack of time. This is one of Satan’s most effective tactics to keep our focus off of God.

The seed is choked, therefore, no fruit is produced. What do the Scriptures tell us about fruitless trees?

**MATTHEW 3:10**

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

**MATTHEW 7:19-23**

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, 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, Lord, Lord, 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.

**JOHN 15:1-6**

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

The fruit of a tree identifies what kind of tree it is. Our fruit is our works, and the evidence of our faith. The evidence of the unseen seed that is in us, our fruit is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things unseen.

**HEBREWS 11:1**

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**JAMES 2:18-20**

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

The Seed That Fell on Good Ground

MATTHEW 13:23
23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

MARK 4:20
20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

LUKE 8:15
15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Contrary to what some teach, this passage has absolutely nothing to do with money or tithing, nor is it necessarily a lesson in reaping what we sow.

The Parable of the Sower is all about how we hear God’s word. The seed that falls on good ground refers to the true disciple, or student, of Yehoshua Messiah, who seeks to understand God’s Word in order to draw nearer to Him and serve Him. He hears the Word which convicts him to repent (turns away) from his sin. He wants to protect the Word, keep it, and do it, in order to be like his Messiah. He seeks to be fruitful and multiply and fill the land with God’s Seed by making more disciples. The seed that falls on good ground is the word of God that falls into an understanding heart that can hear (sh’mah) it.

Growing up as a Christian, naturally I believed that I was the good soil, but it wasn’t until I got real with myself that I realized I was not. I was the soil in the weeds. I allowed the cares of what others thought of me, and furthering myself in my life, to allow the seed of God’s word to produce any fruit in me. I never really read my Bible, so, how could it? Many of us delude ourselves into believing we are the good soil, when we truly are not. My hope for you who are reading this study, is that you will ask yourself honestly, “What kind of soil am I?” Then ask yourself, “What kind of soil do I want to be?”

One cannot simply be good soil. Messiah told us that in order to be good soil we must hear and understand (sh’mah) God’s word, and that it is a process. So, how does one become good ground? It should be not surprise that the instructions are found in God’s instruction book; in the TaNaKh.

How to be good ground:
The Proverb below tells us how to become good ground that can hear (sh’ma) the word of God, understand it, keep it, and produce its fruit. As you read this, remember the Parable of the Sower, and that the Seed is the Word of God that must be received in a good heart.

**PROVERBS 2**

1. My son, **if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;**
2. So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
3. **Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;**
4. If thou seest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
5. **Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.**
6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
7. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
8. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
9. **Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.**
10. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;
11. Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:
12. To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;
13. Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;
14. Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;
15. Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:
16. To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;
17. Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.
18. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.
19. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.
20. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.
21. For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.
22. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Good ground repents from past sin, now seeking to do the will of the Father with a humble and true heart.

Good ground cries out for understanding that can only come by the Spirit of God.

Good ground studies God’s Word diligently, even when he doesn’t understand it yet.

Good ground washes in God’s Word daily, allowing the Spirit of God to water that seed so it may take root in his heart. Soon the seed begins to grow in him, and he begins to produce the fruit of God’s Word.

Good ground begins walking out God’s Word, revealing the wisdom that he has been given. Soon, others see his fruit (his works) and begin to ask questions which causes them to go and seek out truth for themselves.

Good ground produces good fruit by walking out God’s word and making more disciples of all nations, and teaching them how to keep God’s commandments.
MATTHEW 28:19-20
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

By making disciples of God’s Word, we are increasing those who receive the Word some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold.

The Water

A seed cannot grow if it isn’t watered. Neither can the Word grow inside of us if we don’t water it by continually studying scripture. Heavenly water is symbolic for the TaNaKh, also referred to as “the Law and Prophets,” for it is the Word that comes down from God.

DEUTERONOMY 32:1-2
Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth,
2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass;

ISAIAH 55:9-11
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;
11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The book of “Law” in Hebrew, is defined in Strong’s as:

_towrah_ (Torah) (Strong’s Hebrew 8451) – from 3384; a precept or statute,; especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch: law.

The Law, or Torah, is made up of the first five books of the Old Testament. The word Torah comes from the root word:

_yarah_ (Strong’s Hebrew 3384) – properly, to flow as water (that is, to rain); transitively to lay or throw (especially an arrow, the is, to shoot); figuratively, to point out (as if by aiming the finger), to teach: - (+) archer, cast, direct, inform, instruct, lay, shew, shoot, teach (-er, -ing), through.
Here we can see that God’s Law, The Torah, is symbolic of the flowing (living) water that comes down from above. Torah means to instruct or teach. The symbolic nature of this root word for Torah shows us that we are to point others to the Torah, so that it can teach them too. The Torah is simply God’s instruction that teaches us how to walk in His ways. Sadly, the word “law” can give off a bad impression to some, but laws are placed in order to protect the people. The true meaning of the word law is “Torah,” and simply means: “instructions” or “to teach.”

Moses was the man Jehovah chose to give His Torah to His people. It’s not mere coincidence that Moses himself was placed into the water as a baby so his mother could preserve his life when Pharaoh ordered all newborn Hebrew males to be killed. The name Moses means:

**Mosheh** (Strong’s Hebrew 4872) – from 4871; drawing out (of the water), rescued; Mosheh, the Israelite lawgiver:--Moses.

Yarah, the root word of Torah, is also a part of the word Jerusalem.

**ISAIAH 2:2-3**

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law (Torah), and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Notice in the scripture above that Jehovah will teach us to walk in His ways and that the Law and Word of Jehovah will go forth out of Jerusalem.

Now, look at the meaning of the word Jerusalem in Strong’s. It is made up of these two words:

**Yarah** (Strong’s Hebrew 3384) – properly, to flow as water (that is, to rain); transitively to lay or throw (especially an arrow, the is, to shoot); figuratively, to point out (as if by aiming the finger), to teach: - (+) archer, cast, direct, inform, instruct, lay, shew, shoot, teach (-er, -ing), through.

**Shalam** (Strong’s Hebrew 7999) – to be safe; figuratively, to be (causatively, make) completed; by implication, to be friendly; by extension, to reciprocate (in various applications): - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, make good, (re-)pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace(-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper(-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.

On the surface, it would appear that Jerusalem simply means City of Peace, but perhaps a more poignant meaning would be “to flow as water and point to completion or restoration.” There is an important connection in the book of Revelation. Messiah’s bride is referred to as the New Jerusalem, and the Messiah and the Bride (New Jerusalem) will tell all who are thirsty to come and drink freely from the water of life.
REVELATION 21:21
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

REVELATION 22:17
17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Yehovah wants to teach us His Way so we can learn how to walk in His Path where we can truly be safe. He told us how important the Torah is to Him over and over again in the TaNaKh. In the book of Joshua, we learn how important it is for us to meditate on it day and night, to observe and DO all that He commands. By doing this He promises that we will not only have success and prosper, but He will cause us to be strong and unafraid, because He will be with us wherever we go.

JOSHUA 1:7-9
Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law (Torah), which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.
This book of the law (Torah) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

New Testament Christians will argue that God’s Law was abolished when the Messiah died on the cross due to perversion, twisting, and a misunderstanding of Paul’s writings. It simply is not true. In fact, didn’t Yehoshua Himself tell us that He did not come to do away with the Law or the prophets? Messiah told us that he has not come to abolish, but to fulfill them.

MATTHEW 5:17-18
17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law (Torah), or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.
18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (Torah), till all be fulfilled.

Have heaven and earth passed away? No. Messiah came as the fulfillment of God’s Word, not the replacement of it. He IS the Torah, the Word of God, that the prophets spoke of.

The word “fulfill” in the previous scripture is defined in Strong’s as:

pleroo (Strong’s Greek 4137) - to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an
office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.:—accomplish, × after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

Yehoshua was saying that He didn’t come to abolish the Torah, he came to fill it up, to fully preach it, and to fulfill the prophecies in it; to walk it out. This same word “pleroo” is used in John 15:11 when Messiah said to abide in His love that His joy might remain in us, that our joy may be full. He was not saying that your joy may be done away with, but filled to its fullest.

Messiah fulfilled the Law and the Prophets in this same manner. In the same way, if I “do” God’s words, and keep His commandments, I too am “fulfilling” the Law and the Prophets. God’s Word is a mystery that cannot be fully understood without the One who came to fully preach it and teach it to us. It is only through believing that Yehoshua came to save us by dying for our sins and rising again, that we can now understand the spiritual meaning of the Scriptures.

Think of the Old Testament as The Father and the New Testament as The Son. The Son’s coming doesn’t nullify the Father’s work before Him; it simply completes it, and together they become One. For example, the Law keeps us healthy by telling us what we should or should not eat. The Law protects us and makes our paths straight when we learn of our Father Yehovah and of how He wants us to worship Him, and most importantly, so we will recognize the signs of the coming Messiah.

Now, before Yehoshua died for us, only priests (Levites) could enter through the veil in the Temple of God and into the Holy of Holies. Before Messiah, the priest was the intercessor, or helper, between man and God. But when Messiah died on the cross, the veil in the Temple was torn that separated man from God.

**MARK 15:37-38**
And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.
And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

When Yehoshua’s flesh “veil” died, the veil in the temple was torn, and He became our intercessor, or Helper, and “the Way” to God.

**JOHN 14:6**
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**HEBREWS 10:19-20**
19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

**JOHN 14:26**
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
Without believing that Yehoshua is the Messiah, that veil still remains between God and man today. Those who don’t turn away from sin and turn to the Messiah are still bound by this veil of the flesh, and cannot spiritually understand the TaNaKh to this day.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:14-16
14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.
15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.
16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

For those of us who believe, we are as the bride of Yehoshua, our bridegroom, who lifts the veil from His bride’s eyes, giving us eyes to see, and ears to hear Him; the Word of God.

Yehoshua’s very first miracle was the turning of water into wine at a marriage feast. He filled the pots of water that were partially full with more water, and when the servants drew the water out it became wine.

JOHN 2:6-10
6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.
7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.
8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.
9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,
10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

The vessels were not filled to the fullest. Likewise, the prophecies weren’t complete until Messiah came to fill them up. Mind you, there are many prophecies yet to be fulfilled. By filling the water pots he was demonstrating how he would fulfill the writings of God’s Law and of the prophecies of the TaNaKh (the water.) He didn’t throw out the old water in the pots and put fresh water in them to make wine. Rather, He kept the old water in them, filled them full with fresh water, and then turned it into wine. When He added the water to the water pots, according to verse six, He also defiled the man made Jewish tradition of washing, which was never commanded by God. He was demonstrating that the only water that can make one clean is God’s Word alone. When the water became wine, it symbolized the renewed covenant in Messiah’s blood when he would die and shed his blood to atone for the sins of man.

MATTHEW 26:27-28
27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
This is the renewed covenant through the blood of Messiah that would allow the Spirit of God to write His Law (Torah) in the hearts and minds of His people.

**JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

When the Israelites were wandering in the desert they complained to Moses and told him to tell God to give them water.

**EXODUS 17:3-6**

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. 5 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Spiritually speaking, that Rock the Israelites drank from was Messiah, and is symbolic of the Shepherd who was smitten, beaten, and bruised for our sin.

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

We can see this connection when Messiah tells all to come to Him to drink of the Living Water.
JOHN 4:7-10
7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.
5 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)
9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.
10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

JOHN 7:37-38
37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

The apostle John tells us that the ones who will overcome are those who believe that Yehoshua is the Son of Yehovah, and that we must come by water (TaNaKh) and blood (Messiah), just like our Messiah did. Not by water (TaNaKh) only, because without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

1 JOHN 5:5-6
5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

HEBREWS 9:22
And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

When Messiah’s side was pierced at his crucifixion water and blood came out of him together.

JOHN 19:34
34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

We are given this information for a reason. We must understand that we are to overcome this world just as Messiah did, by the water and the blood together. We cannot be saved and overcome by the water only. To walk in the path of Life, we must believe that Yehoshua is the Son of God who died for our sins to save us. We must first be covered by the blood of the Lamb, by placing the blood of Yehoshua Messiah on the doorposts of our hearts. By this, the Spirit of Yehovah enables us to then begin to keep His commands (Torah) from our heart. This, simply stated, is the Seal of God spoken of in Revelation.

REVELATION 14:12
Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**REVELATION 7:2-3**
2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

**REVELATION 9:4**
4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

The Seal, or mark, of Yehovah is on those who keep His commands, and believe the testimony of Yehoshua. Why else would these two things hand in hand make Satan so wroth?

**REVELATION 12:15-16**
15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.
16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.
17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Satan also has doctrine, and his goal is to deceive. Has Satan’s goal since the garden been to convince God’s people to keep God’s instruction, or to convince God’s people that they don’t really have to? His goal has not changed. The water coming out of the serpent’s mouth in the passage above could very well be symbolic of the false doctrines and teachings of man that Satan spews forth into the world; in which we could easily drown, doctrines that place man’s tradition over God’s instruction, doctrines that say we don’t really have to do what God said. Satan also sows his own seeds, as we can see with the parable of the tares among the wheat.

**MATTHEW 13:24-30**
24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.
27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The Evil one sows his seed, the tares, and then the tares grow with the good seed together until the time of the harvest, which symbolizes the end of days. This is significant, because the word “tares” here is actually a very specific kind of tare called a darnel or false grain.

*zizanion* (Strong’s Greek 2215) - Of uncertain origin; *darnel* or false grain: - tares.

This tare looks just like the wheat until harvest when it comes time to produce fruit. (You will know them by their fruits.)

Excerpt from Wikipedia:
Darnel usually grows in the same production zones as wheat and is considered a weed. The similarity between these two plants is so great that in some regions, *darnel* is referred to as "false wheat". It bears a close resemblance to wheat until the ear appears. The spikes of *L. temulentum* are more slender than those of wheat. The spikelets are oriented edgeways to the rachis and have only a single glume, while those of wheat are oriented with the flat side to the rachis and have two glumes. The wheat will also appear brown when ripe, whereas the darnel is black.

**MATTHEW 7:15-17**
“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

**REVELATION 14:14-16**
14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.
15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.
16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle in the sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

In Genesis, we learn that Satan has the knowledge of good and evil. He knows what God’s Word says, that is why he is able to twist it. He plants false truths inside of man that seem good by disguising himself as an angel of light.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:14**
14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

This is why we must beware of the teachings of men by always taking it back to God’s Word. Just because someone teaches “Jesus” doesn’t mean God sent them, they must produce the fruit of His Word. We will never know if what we’re being told is true or false if we haven’t heard the
Word for ourselves. If we aren’t rooted in God’s Word, we may allow Satan to plant his seed of false doctrine in us.

Look at the meaning of the word Plant in the Strong’s concordance (Greek):

**phuteuo** (Strong’s Greek 5452) – to set out in earth, i.e. implant; figurative to instill doctrine: - plant.

When the seed of the Word takes root, the truth is instilled in us. Likewise, the seed of Satan’s doctrine can also be instilled in us, like a root for rottenness, if we aren’t made clean by the true Word of God.

**EPHESIANS 5:25-27**

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

We must be prepared and ready when the Messiah returns by being cleansed and purified by His Word.

Here we see Messiah (The Word of God), washing the feet of His disciples.

**JOHN 13:3-8**

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

If Messiah Yehoshua (The Word of God) does not wash us, we have no part (portion or inheritance) with Him. This would explain why Yehoshua will tell some who thought they were serving Him to depart from Him.

**MATTHEW 7:21-23**

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, 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, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The word “iniquity” in the verse above is defined in Strong’s as:

**anomia** – (Strong’s Greek 458) illegality; i.e. violation of law or wickedness: - iniquity, transgression of the law, unrighteousness.

We’ve already learned that “Law” is the Torah. Messiah is saying that He will profess to those who are without Law (Torah) to depart from Him. He is referring to those who think they are serving the living God, but in reality, have been deceived by Satan. The ultimate bait and switch set in place by the ultimate deceiver.

**MATTHEW 24:24**

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Again, this shows that those doing God’s will, by keeping His commands and believing on Yehoshua Messiah, are the ones that will enter into His kingdom. If the Holy Spirit is not teaching us in a personal way, through His Word, doesn’t it make sense that Messiah will say that He never knew us? He is speaking in parable. If His “seed” is not in us that means He never “knew” us (in the Biblical sense).

Let me clarify what it means to keep the commands of Yehovah.

**MARK 12:28-34**

28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”

29 Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

30 And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

31 So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

But after that no one dared question Him.

Messiah didn’t invent new commands, but is actually quoting from the Torah, where both of these commands are found.

The greatest command is to HEAR (sh’ma) God’s Word, and love Him with our whole heart by keeping it in our hearts and doing it.
DEUTERONOMY 6:4-6
4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.”

The second command is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself, from the heart.

LEVITICUS 19:17-18
17 ‘You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Torah teaches us how to love the Lord with all of our hearts and how to love our neighbors as ourselves. That is why Messiah said that the Law (Torah) and the prophets hang on these two commands, because that is what the Torah and the Prophets are all about!

The only way to know whom we are truly serving is to cleanse in the Word; being born of the Water and of Spirit through the blood of the Messiah.

JOHN 3:5
5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

This verse is talking about much more than a water baptism of the flesh. Water baptism is the physical act that corresponds with the Spiritual, of washing in the Word of God. Baptism simply symbolizes our obedience to Yehovah and our belief that Yehoshua died for our sins, and rose again. We must submerge ourselves in God’s Word. This scripture illustrates that we must cleanse in the Word of God through the Holy Spirit in order to enter into His kingdom.

JEREMIAH 2:13
13 “For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters,
And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Yehovah Himself is the fountain of living waters, and we can only come to Him through His Son.

The scriptures below are a great example of the Old and the New Covenants together.

PROVERBS 13:1
14 The law (Torah) of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

ROMANS 6:23
23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Water is God’s Written Word (TaNaKh).
The Fountain of Living Water is the Father and His Torah which comes through His Son, Yehoshua HaMashiach.

The Light

After a seed has been watered it requires sunlight to grow. The Messiah came into this world to be the True Light of man. At the beginning of this earth age Yehovah said: “Let there be Light!”

Genesis 1:3-5
3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

God saw that the Light was good, but notice that He didn’t say that the darkness was good.

Strong’s definition for the word darkness in the scripture is very interesting.

choshek (Strong’s Hebrew 2822) – the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively, misery, destruction, death, ignorance sorrow, wickedness: dark(-ness), night, obscurity.

He divided Light from Darkness and thus introduced the choice of good and evil (the sun and moon weren’t brought forth until the fourth day). This Light in the beginning is the Light of God’s Word; the Messiah is the Light that was there in the beginning.

John 1:1-9
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 The same was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Matthew 4:16
16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
JOHN 8:12
12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

REVELATION 21:23-24
23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

In the Book of Psalms David writes this about the Torah of God:

PSALM 19:7-11
7 The law (Torah) of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. (The Hebrew manuscripts say “giving light to the eyes.”)
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

David says that Yehovah warns His people with His Torah, and in keeping of it is great reward. It is a message to His people that those who seek Him will be rewarded, and that God’s Word is a light for all men.

PSALM 119:102-106
102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.
105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

PROVERBS 6:23
For the commandment is a lamp,
And the law (Torah) a light;
Reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

Messiah said He is the Light of the world, but He also said that you are the light of the world.

MATTHEW 5:14-17
14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

We too are to shine the light of God’s Word in this world, just as our Messiah did, by walking it out, for it is by shining the light of our “good works” that our Father is glorified.

The Light is the Torah, the Word of God.
The Light of the world is Yehoshua HaMashiach.
The Light of the world is the Torah shining in God’s people through Yehoshua HaMashiach.

I and My Father Are One

By now you may have realized that Yehovah, His Word, and Yehoshua HaMashiach are one in the same. Therefore, so are the Seed, The Water, and the Light.

JOHN 10:30

I and my Father are one.

We, as followers of Yehoshua, we are to be part of that union. When Messiah prayed to the Father He asked that God would sanctify us (wash us) in His Word, protect us from the evil in the world, and that we too would be one as they are one. The Messiah’s light is the Word of God inside of us that unites us all as one. This prayer is precious. This is our Messiah praying for us; His sheep.

JOHN 17:14-26

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Sowing the Word of God

If a seed is planted in the soil, how do you get that seed to grow into a fruit-producing tree?

1. You have to make sure the soil is prepared and ready to receive seed.
2. You plant the seed.
3. You water the seed.
4. You allow the sun to shine its light upon it.
5. Then the seed grows and produces fruit, and then more seed in which to plant.

A seed can’t grow without good soil, water, and sunlight.

If the Word of God is planted in our heart, how do we get the Word to grow inside of us?

1. We must humble ourselves and seek to do God’s will.
2. We come to His word and take it in, studying it and asking Yehovah to teach us.
3. When Yehovah teaches His Word by His Spirit we begin to understand it more and more.
4. The Light of His Son shines on us and through us by His Holy Spirit and then others see that we walk a little bit differently than everyone else. Others are then drawn to the light, which the see in our actions.
5. The Holy Spirit continues to reveal to us the mysteries of the Word and gives us His wisdom in the sight of the world. As the wisdom of the Word grows inside of us we begin to do the works of God’s Word to benefit others, and then more of God’s word is implanted in a new heart, some an hundred-fold.

In the same way that we must feed our flesh body with food in order to live, we must feed our spirit with the Word of God, in order to inherit eternal life. The Word of God is our spirit’s daily bread.

MATTHEW 6:11
Give us this day our daily bread.

Yehoshua told Peter three times that if he truly did love Him, to feed His sheep. These are the Father’s lost sheep that the Shepherd, Yehoshua, is calling. When we produce the fruit of the Word we are feeding His sheep.

JOHN 21:15-17
15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, loveth thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

When we point these lost sheep to the Word, this is where they will hear the Master’s voice. It’s really quite simple. If they are of God they will hear you, because they are His sheep who recognize their Master’s voice. If they don’t hear, they are not His.

JOHN 10:1-11
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.
6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.
7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.
9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

You are My Disciples Indeed

A disciple is defined in Strong’s as:

mathetes (Strong’s Greek 3101) - a learner, i.e. Pupil: - disciple.

Messiah told his disciples that it was “given” to them to know the meaning of His parables.

MATTHEW 13:11
He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. Revelation is given unto the disciples of Yehoshua. If the Word of God is Yehoshua, and Yehoshua is the Word of God, then a disciple is simply a student of the Word of God and, therefore, a student of Yehoshua. When we study the Word of God we become a student of the Word. We too can become His disciples by the Holy Spirit.

JOHN 8:31-32
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;
32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15
Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Study is the highest form of worship because show our love for God by seeking to be like Him, and wanting to learn anything and everything we possibly can about Him. We can never match the love that Yehovah showed for us by sending His one and only Son to die for our own transgressions, but the greatest way we can show our love for our Father is to seek Him through His Word and do what it says.

JOHN 14:23-24
23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

It is not by our own might, but by Yehovah’s Spirit, that we are able to keep this Word.

ZECHARIAH 4:6
6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

It is He who calls us to Him by His Spirit through Yehoshua Messiah.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

The word church in Strong’s is defined as:

ekklesia (Strong’s Greek 1577) – a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation.
The “church” is not a building you go to once a week. The church is the body of Yehoshua made up of those whom Yehovah has called out of darkness and into the Light.

JOHN 6:44-45
No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

In the same way that Yehovah called the disciples to follow Yehoshua when He was here on earth, Yehovah calls us to follow Him today through Yehoshua, by His Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 22:14
14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

REVELATION 17:14
14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Yehovah calls many of us, but it’s up to us whether or not we will seek to hear (sh’ma) His call. Are you being called?

Yehoshua taught His disciples privately and He will teach us the very same way today, through the Holy Spirit. Plainly stated, we must come to the Messiah and study God’s Word so the Holy Spirit can teach us all things. The Word of God is like oil, the Spirit of God like fire. If we don’t have enough oil in our lamp there is nothing for the Spirit of God to burn, therefore no light is produced. We must constantly take the Word into our vessels in order for the Spirit to continually teach it to us and keep these spiritual lamps lit.

JOHN 14:26
26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Using the Strong’s Concordance, we can better understand the meaning of this passage:

26 But the **Comforter**, ("parakletos" Strong’s Greek 3875: an intercessor, consoler: - advocate) which is the **Holy Ghost**, ("pneuma" Strong’s Greek 4151: a current of air, ie breath; by analogy or figurative a spirit…(divine) God, Christ’s spirit, the Holy Spirit: - ghost, life, spirit, mind.) whom the **Father will send in my name**, (Yehoshua, The Word of God) he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your **remembrance**, ("hupomimnesko" Strong’s Greek 5279: to remind quietly, ie suggest to the (middle one’s own) memory: -put in mind, remember, bring to (put in) remembrance.) whatsoever I have said unto you.
Yehoshua is saying that the Father will send His Holy Spirit (in the name of Yehoshua) upon us after He has ascended back to the Father. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Helper, will be our advocate, our intercessor between the flesh and the spirit; between us and the Father, until the Messiah returns. He will quietly teach us what He wants us to know IF we diligently seek Him through His Word.

Remember, you must seek before the answers can be revealed unto you, and you must have the will to do God’s will and not your own.

LUKE 11:9-13
9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

JOHN 7:17-18
If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. 18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Yehovah is calling us to be disciples of His Word, Yehoshua Messiah.

MATTHEW 9:36-38
36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Messiah tells us that we must pray that God will send more disciples to labor in His field, which is the world. I challenge you to be a student of the Word! To be a disciple for Yehoshua! To labor for Yehovah in His field! It is our purpose and our calling, to teach others how to seek and find Yehovah through His Word; to point them to the Word of Truth by which they may be healed, but we must first learn from Him ourselves. The harvest (the end of days) is coming and there are so many of His sheep that are still without the Shepherd.

When the Messiah tells us to come to Him and learn of Him, He wants us to come to Him through His Word because He IS the Word. He will take our burdens away when we learn of Him.

I never understood what the following scripture meant until I began to study God’s Word.
MATTHEW 11:27-30
All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Messiah is quoting from the book of Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH 6:16
16 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

He was telling us that He is that ancient path of God’s Word which we must learn from, and that through Him we may find rest for our souls.

Personally, I have suffered with depression, anxiety, worry, and stress my entire life. I didn’t know what the point of my life was, and I didn’t know why I was here. In fact, I often wished that I wasn’t. But God promised that those who seek Him will find Him, and that’s because we were not created to go through this life without Him. We were meant to walk with our Father under His protection, just as Adam walked with Him in an enclosed garden before sin entered in. When I began to seek Him, without even realizing it, He took my worries, my fear, and my burdens away from me, and I literally became a new creation in Yehoshua Messiah. He cleansed me through His Word, He gave me His strength, and He taught me that there was a purpose to my life. My purpose, and yours, is to draw all men unto Him. He gave me His rest, and what a big responsibility I now have, knowing that He is counting on me to lead others to Him; the fountain of living water.

There are several places in scripture that point to seeking God in the morning. Why? By doing this you are putting God first in your day, and above all other priorities.

PSALM 8:17
17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

By studying His Word you are showing our Father that you want to learn of Him and His ways and this shows Him that you love Him. I strongly encourage you to wake up at least an hour early each day and spend time with Him in His Word. Be diligent to do it and do not give up, even on those days when you just don’t feel up to it, or when you would really like to sleep in and especially when you feel like you don’t understand it. Study to prove yourself unto God and He will teach you, if you have a humble heart that seeks to please Him and desires to know Him.

He promised. Do you believe this?
If you don’t have one, I strongly recommend obtaining a concordance such as Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance. I use this with the Green’s Interlinear Hebrew/Greek/English Bible for my studies. The Green’s gives a more direct translation to English from the original Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament.) The King James translation also works with the Strong’s Concordance. There are some great apps for your phone that include concordances, and online search engines with concordances that make it so much easier to dig deeper into God’s Word, such as MySword Bible.

These are necessities for you to study the Word in depth so you can get closer to the original language in which it was written. Hebrew is the Holy language of Yehovah, and the language He used to speak all things into existence. It’s a picture language where each letter holds a meaning of its own. Over the years, man has mistranslated or misunderstood many things in God’s Word, but these valuable tools can help you uncover these mysteries by His Spirit.

When we come to the Word we must come with a humble heart as though we are approaching our Father’s throne, because that’s exactly what we’re doing. We must believe that God is who He tells us He is. We must pray and ask Him to help us to be more pleasing in His eyes. We must surrender our own will for His, even if it means finding out the very things we held as truth our entire lives are in fact lies.

**HEBREWS 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**JEREMIAH 16:19**

O Lord, my strength and my fortress,  
My refuge in the day of affliction,  
The Gentiles shall come to You  
From the ends of the earth and say,  
“Surely our fathers have inherited lies,  
Worthlessness and unprofitable things.”

We must have faith in order to please our Father. So, if we cannot please our Father without faith, we must understand how to obtain it. People make the mistake of thinking that faith is just something you either have or you don’t have, but the answer is in His Word.

Strong’s defines faith as:

**pistis** (Strong’s Greek 4102) – persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstract constancy in such profession; by extensive the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself: -assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Grace is defined as:

charis – (Strong’s Greek 5485)
Graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and it’s reflection in the life; including gratitude): -acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

By God’s goodness and graciousness, we are saved by our faith, faith which comes by hearing the Word of God.

ROMANS 10:17
17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith can only come by hearing the Holy Spirit with spiritual ears. Recall that the first and greatest command begins with “Hear, O Israel.” Hearing God’s word is a gift. Then, only by His grace will we see His influence on our hearts, and its manifestation in our lives. This embodies the New Covenant that we discussed previously.

JEREMIAH 31:31-33
“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. 33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law (Torah) within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

JAMES 1:18-25
In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.
19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law (Torah), the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.
The New Covenant came with Messiah’s sacrifice which made it possible for God’s Spirit to write His Torah upon our hearts. We must hear it, and do it. This is the reflection of God’s light and grace in our lives.

Yehovah wants a personal relationship with us that can only be had in the stillness of hearing Him with our spiritual ears. There is a greater purpose to your life.

**LUKE 8:8**
And when he had said these things, he cried, *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Do *you* have ears to Sh’má?

**ALL** Scripture points to Yehoshua HaMashiach, the Living Word of Yehovah, but we must continue in that Word, and abide in it. We must protect and nurture that Seed in us in order to know Him, and to be known by Him.

**JOHN 8:31-32**
Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.*

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**PSALM 119:142**
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And *Your law (Torah) is truth.*

**ISAIAH 8:16**
Bind up the testimony, seal the law (Torah) among my disciples.

**MATTHEW 28:19-20**
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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