

Beginning Study of the LORD-4

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1. Iniquity

We start by picking up with where the previous study ended. The word iniquity is of major importance. Iniquity is walking in lawlessness, it is walking outside of the Torah, it is walking in sin. Understand what Yeshua tells us of his view of iniquity.

Luk 13:23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

Luk 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Luk 13:25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Luk 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

Luk 13:27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye **workers of iniquity**.

Luk 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

If you are walking outside of the Torah, you are walking in iniquity, Yeshua say that he does not know you and you are to depart away from him. This is followed by your weeping and gnashing of teeth when you are thrust out of the kingdom of God. This is extremely serious. That means you end up in the lake of fire forever.

2. Repentance

Few within the Churches of today truly know what repent requires. One needs to follow scripture in order to understand what repent means. It is an active way of going forward through the rest of your life.

Let us start at what Yeshua tells us, yes He tells us to repent.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

The above tells us to repent as the Kingdom of Heaven is becoming close and if you want into it you need to repent.

Repent is Strong's number G3340 and in Greek is *Metanoeo* which means to think differently, to reconsider, to morally feel compunction. In the Old Testament it is Strong's number H7725 and in Hebrew is *Shub* which means to turn back, to return. Eze 18:30 given below fills out the meaning of repent very clearly.

Eze 18:29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Eze 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. **Repent**, and **turn yourselves** from all your transgressions; so **iniquity** shall not be your ruin.

Repent is to turn from **All** your transgressions so that you no longer walk in iniquity such that it will be your ruin. Iniquity is walking in lawlessness. Walking outside of the Torah or Law of God. **It is walking in sin.**

Yeshua tells us one reason that he came down to earth was to call sinners to repentance.

Luk 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Yeshua tells us that unless each of us repent from our sins we shall perish. Perish is referring to our future resurrected life.

Luk 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luk 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

We are also told the joy that occurs in heaven for every sinner that repents, this should alert you to the importance of proper repentance.

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repented, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

The woman caught in adultery and brought before Yeshua is told by Yeshua to go and sin no more.

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, **Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?**

Joh 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

The importance of not sinning or walking in sin, is that when you do this, you become a servant of sin and not a servant of God.

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

The wage of sin is future death or the second death. Walking forward and not sinning is so important that Yeshua makes a point that it is better to cut off your hand if it causes you to sin, for if you die sinning, you will be resurrected, judged and thrown into the lake of fire, retained there alive forever – where your worm dieth not.

Mar 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mar 9:44 *Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

Further Yeshua tells us that the action of repenting is to become a new person, to leave the old person behind and go forth in the new person. In other words to leave the old habits of walking in sin behind you and go forward from that moment of repentance walking in the way of the LORD and no longer sinning. The following given to us by Yeshua is done using a parable through the use of a metaphor.

Luk 5:36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken out of* the new agreeth not with the old.

Luk 5:37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

It is old cloth or old man verses new cloth or new man or old bottle verses new bottle. The old wine is walking in sin, the new wine is walking in righteousness and no longer sinning . Yeshua goes even further saying man initially prefers his old sinful ways in preference to repenting and walking forward in righteousness and not sinning.

Luk 5:39 *No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.*

It takes time to break old habits and form new ones, or to become a new righteous person walking forward according to God's way, in obedience and not sinning.

What we are told from the above scriptures is that repent is not a one time action, rather it is a continuous way of walking forward for the rest of one's life and no longer sinning. If one falls, get up, ask for forgiveness and continue you walk keeping sin out. It is most important at the moment you die and leave this material world, as to how you are walking. If you are walking in repentance and not sinning, then your salvation is secured. If you are walking in sin, you lose your salvation. The saying by ignorant preachers of "**once saved always saved**" is incorrect. Being saved is a conditional promise, dependent upon how you are walking at the time of your death, Eze 18:25-32.

Repent is an active verb that carries through to the time of one's death. One must walk forward no longer sinning. Recall sin is defined for us by God's word.

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Anyone that tells you that the Torah (Law) no longer applies is deceiving you to have you walk in sin, placing your salvation in jeopardy. You must know the Torah in order to walk forward and not sin.

3. God's People

There are three different sets of God's people. First there are the Israelites as formed into a Nation at the Exodus from Egypt. Second there are the Saints or set apart ones and defined in scripture. Third there are the masses that when judged at the Last Day, are given eternal life in the New Jerusalem on the New earth and New heavens. The differences between the second and third groups are those who are resurrected at the first as opposed to the second resurrection.

First understand that when you accept and obey Yeshua we are all part of the commonwealth of God's people. There is no difference between one group or the other, everyone is then the same in being God's people. However the three distinct groups still exist.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

The Israelites are required to go through the Tribulation and be refined in fire, those alive at the end will recognize Yeshua as the Messiah and will then live and die over the Millennium, being leaders for the whole world. They will be fulfilling the original intent given to them by God.

The second group are the Saints and there are two sub groups of these. One sub group will be kept from going through the Tribulation, while the other sub group will earn the right to become a Saint, by going through and enduring the Tribulation. At the end of the Tribulation all the Saints, from Yeshua ascending back to heaven when leaving earth, right up to the end of the Tribulation will be resurrected and be forever with Yeshua. This is a very small number. The Saints are well defined in scripture, this will be covered shortly. These are the spring and summer harvest of the Holy Day first fruits of the LORD.

The third group are those that die before the Tribulation and are resurrected and judged at the Lat Day and if found acceptable will be given eternal life with the Father and the Son. This is an extremely large number. These are the great fall harvest of the LORD.

4. The Saints

This reference of Saint are those God labels, not what man might label. The main scripture that defines those that are Saints is the following.

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

There are three requirements to be selected as a Saint. First is patience or endurance, accepting without complaining whatever occurs, even if being persecuted and being killed for your faith. Second are those that walk in the commandments of God, who walk in the Torah, who walk and no longer sin. Third is those who keep the faith of Yeshua, they accept Yeshua as the Messiah, as the Son of God, and they truly follow, hear and obey Him.

Looking further in scripture Paul makes reference to those in the mainly Gentile Congregations that he set up, as the Saints.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the **saints** which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Col 1:2 To the **saints** and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the **saints**,

Paul also makes reference to those in Jerusalem as the saints.

Rom 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the **saints**.

Rom 15:26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor **saints** which are at Jerusalem.

What do these have in common ? Those in the Gentile Congregations and those in the Jewish Congregations, all follow the Torah. They follow Yeshua and they grow in love. Consider the following scriptures when Paul went to Jerusalem to meet with the other Jews that follow Yeshua.

Act 21:18 And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the **Gentiles** by his ministry.

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many **thousands of Jews** there are which believe; and they are **all zealous of the law**:

This is a major set of scriptures that tell us of the importance difference between the way the early Congregations walked and the way the 6 main stream type of Christian Churches of today walk. The Gentiles in the Congregations that Paul set up were using the Old Testament to learn the Torah and then to walk in it. They walked the same way the Jews in Jerusalem walked. They all followed Yeshua and the Torah.

None of the 6 mains stream Churches of today walk in the Torah. None of the 6 main stream Churches of today meet the requirements of being the Saints. That means these are all destined to go through the end times with the wrath of God coming down upon the whole world. Yes they will go through the Tribulation. They are destined to take the Test or Temptation God brings down upon the whole world just before the start of the Tribulation.

None of the 6 main stream Churches of today are the Saints.

5. The Calling to Be Saints

After the ascension of Yeshua, all people were then called to become Saints. This was now the establishing of the Congregations of Jews and Gentiles that followed Yeshua, that copied the actions of Yeshua and that heard and obeyed Yeshua.

1Co 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, **called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

These scriptures above tell us that all people are called to become Saints in the Congregations that were set up after Yeshua returned to heaven. Yeshua is the head of the Congregations, or Churches as called in today's time.

There are other scriptures that refer to the calling of people to come to the LORD and to follow Yeshua.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

1Co 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were **called** unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are **called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

There are specific requirements attached to this calling. First one must repent, become a new person, be baptized and walk according to following Yeshua, growing in the heart and Loving

God and our fellow man. Love to God is accomplished by being totally obedient to God. That means walking in the Torah. Walking outside the Torah is walking in iniquity, it is walking in sin. Scripture defines these actions.

Not everyone that is called becomes one of the Saints. Rather there are very few that meet the requirements in their walk forward in this world. The following scriptures also address this.

Mat 20:16 **So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

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

Those few that follow the calling become the Saints of God. Those that are deceived and do not follow are the ones that were called but did not open their mind, accept only God's word and walk forward in total obedience to the LORD in following the complete Bible.

These others are now in today's time, as described in scripture, are walking in iniquity and if you show them what scripture really says, they scoff. They refuse to open their mind and to walk in obedience to God's word. They like the way of the world as opposed to God's way.

Understand living by every word of God is continually reading and studying the complete Bible, and obeying what is opened to you.

At this point ask yourself if you **truly follow, hear and obey Yeshua** ? Or do you in preference follow the way of the world ? Do you keep Passover, days of unleavened bread and day of the first fruits of the spring Harvest ? Or do you keep Easter, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Monday ? Do you keep the Saturday Sabbath ? Or do you keep Sunday ? There is much more, one is the way of the LORD and the other is the way of the World. Choose carefully, your salvation is at stake.

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