

## COVENANT OF LIFE AND PEACE, LETTER FROM SAVAV

Dear Obed-Edom,

I wanted you to receive the grace that we received today, so I am sending my notes of the teaching. Please share them with your brothers there so they will also receive grace. Yoneq spoke this morning [about?] the reason we don't have life and peace.

He began by saying that sometimes there are people around us who are confused and always feel bad. They also think they have done something wrong. They have a lack of peace. There are evil spirits around us all the time trying to talk to us. Satan is a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. We hear natural voices through our ears but we hear spirits through our spirit. They speak to our soul, mind, and brain. We must be a people who have our mind set on the Holy Spirit so that other spirits can't fill our brains with their lies. It is a lack of the fruit of the Spirit when we have no peace. It is sin. It is deliberate sin, obstinance, to not receive the life and peace that is offered to us by the Holy Spirit and to receive instead the confusion and guilt of the other spirits. Those that love Yahshua have life and peace. Those that do not love Yahshua will be accursed.

Yoneq told us he wanted to establish once and for all how to have life and peace. Elisheva didn't receive life and peace. She needed some man to administer life and peace to her. Women need men to bring them peace. Peace comes from the Father to the Son to Man and then to Women [Woman?]. If a woman is covered, she is guarded and can administer peace. It is an absolute teaching of the Word of God that women [woman?] came out of man, not to be independent, but to be a part of YHWH's order.

Life is like the good feeling you get when you drink a cup of coffee. It is the excited anticipation you get when you think of going to Florida to lay [lie?] in the sun. Sometimes it is listening to rock music or even Israeli tapes and getting good feelings, life. We receive life only from the Spirit. Anything else is idolatry.

If we are trying to receive our life from coffee, music, a relationship, we will not have life and peace. Only the Holy Spirit can give us life and peace as a result of our keeping our part of the covenant of promise we find in Isaiah 26:3. We can't do His part if we do not do our part. It is a contract. The faithful will enter because they are steadfast and He will keep them in perfect peace. There is no way to peace except prayer, praise, and worship. The amplified version makes it even more clear. YHWH promises to guard and keep him in perfect constant peace whose mind, inclination, and character is stayed on YHWH because they commit themselves to Him. He is the everlasting rock on whom we must rest. He makes us an absolute promise that if we pray, worship, and praise Him, keep our minds, spirits, hearts, set on Him, He will give us life and peace. Yoneq asked us, who was worthy of the Kingdom? Who has life and peace? He answered, that the ones who have life and peace are the ones who give life and peace. You can't give life and peace if you don't have it. Those that [who?] are obedient have life and peace. Like John 13:35: if you have love for one another, you can give it. Eph. 6:23: so one must have FAITH to love, or love with FAITH, it's going to come out to others

We must know the verses in Malachi 2:1-7. These are written for us because we are the holy priesthood. We receive the covenant that YHWH made with Levi. If we do not receive this instruction to be in awe of Him, then the blood is on our hands. We must take this to heart. We must pass this on to Jean Louis and each other. This is the covenant YHWH has made, to give us life and peace. We in return must revere Him and stand in awe at His Name. A priest will fear Him. No one can fear Him that [who?] doesn't obey Proverbs 2:1-5. Obedience to the Word is the only way to revere Him, if we know His commandments and keep them. We must

cry out with a loud voice (like you did, Obed) for knowledge, discernment, discretion. We are not priests if we do not fear YHWH. We must know John 14:21 by heart. We must teach them to our little ones, to our new brothers and to ourselves. A priest is one whose mind is set on the Spirit, one who prays, worships, and praises YHWH. We must obey 1 Peter 2:9 and proclaim the excellencies of YHWH. Peter and Paul realized how essential having life and peace was to the early church. Every letter they wrote to the churches, they began or ended the letter exhorting the churches to have life and peace. Without life and peace there can not be direction from the Holy Spirit. It is the only way to have communion with the Holy Spirit, and is the result of fellowship with the Holy Spirit. The Word goes even further, in 1 Cor. 16:22, because it says, if you do not love Messiah, you will be accursed. The only way to love Him is if you obey Him. John 14:21. So the end result of not having life and peace is to be accursed. Acts 3:22, Rom. 5:5, and Rom. 15:33 all speak of the hope there is in loving Messiah. There is no such thing as having Yahshua for your God and having no hope. He is the God of hope, love, and peace. He fills us with hope as we love Him. Rom. 15:14 tells us that Paul was convinced that we are full of goodness, able to teach, exhort, and encourage each other as we work along. We are able to not make a big deal out of "things", and to teach, exhort, and encourage each other as we work along. We can't let our speech be filled with carnal things: food, work, etc. We must have our minds set on the Spirit. Read Rom. 5:5-1. It makes the meaning more clear when you start at verse 5, then read verse 4,3,2, then 1. Hope doesn't disappoint. The love of God was poured out to our heart when the Holy Spirit was given to us. Hope is gained through proven character. All hope is cut off if we don't love Yahshua with our whole heart. Anyone that [who?] is filled with something else corrupts the Body. We must receive the Helper, the Holy Spirit. John 14:26,27. If we mope around, loving the world, listening to ungodly music, evil spirits, etc., we deny the gift of the Holy Spirit, and that takes away from faith. Yahshua said, He left His peace with us. We must maintain that peace He gives to us. What is the fruit of the Holy Spirit? He poured it into our hearts: love, joy, peace. If we don't have peace, somewhere our fellowship is marred. We see someone lacking peace. We must go to him and admonish him. We must see he doesn't miss grace. We walk by His Spirit because His Spirit is in our spirit. We must guard our hearts and minds. He disciplines, directs, and gives us the ability to judge ourselves. Gal. 6:8 tells us if we sow to the Spirit, we will reap eternal life. If we don't lose heart, grow weary of doing good, we will receive age-abiding life. It is like a fire. When the logs move apart, the fire loses heat, but if the logs are close, the fire burns hot.

What causes guilt, confusion, feeling bad, not knowing what to do, everything I do is wrong, etc.? Is that coming from prayer, praise, and worship? When we feel like that, we are called to urgently pray and return to having our mind set on the Spirit. We must cry out for wisdom and understanding. It is a shame if we work beside our brother and don't speak to him of life. It proves we never belonged to him [or to Him?]. Rom. 8:9 tells us we must belong to Messiah. We all must belong to His warm, loving, family. Having the Holy Spirit makes us belong to Him. Look up "belong." We belong to our Master. Satan lands on us like a fly and starts eating away. We must cast him out by prayer and praise, and we must cast it out of our brothers by not being carnal. The turmoil we feel is a lack of peace, joy, and love, the fruit of the Spirit. If we have a lack of patience, get irritated, or see our brothers doing that, we must heap coals of love on them, to win our brothers, so we all can be filled with the Holy Spirit. A continual lack of prayer is a good sign of the lack of the Spirit. Our Master says, you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32 is a verse that all hypocrites quote. It is from demons if you don't include the preceding verse. If you continue in His Word and be His disciple, then the truth will set you free.

Col. 1:22,23 is a promise. Eph. 2:12, we are no longer separated from the covenants of promise. We are in Messiah, so we are in the commonwealth of Israel. Col. 1:22. A covenant is a contract. We do our part and He is free to do His part. We must be obedient to His Word. We were reconciled in our fleshly bodies by Messiah's death on the cross in order to receive His instructions to be able to enter the Kingdom. He doesn't save us so we can miss the Kingdom. We're brought back to God through Yahshua, in order to be holy, blameless, beyond reproach, but we must then allow the Holy Spirit to work in us so this can happen. We can't speak if we don't know that. That is the gospel. The work of the cross does not present us as the Bride of Messiah. It puts us in the place so that [where?] the Holy Spirit can make us into the Bride, if we continue on in faith and are not moved from the hope of the gospel. We must read the gospel so we can continually share it with our brothers. Col. 1:22,23 are the two greatest verses in the entire New Testament.

Well, I hope this letter brings you the hope that we received. It is written with the prayer that you may receive life and peace. In obedience to that hope, we live each day that His Kingdom may come here on Earth as it is in Heaven. I love you, Obed, and hope for the continuing increase that is the promise of our life in Messiah.

May you become all you were created to be.  
I love you. Savav.

#### HIS WORK, THE SPIRIT'S WORK, AND OUR WORK. 9/2/89

Before entering the breaking of bread room, Yoneq taught a word of faith.

We cannot go into the breaking of bread room without faith. As a matter of fact, if we go in without faith, it is sin. Our forefathers did nothing without faith. Heb.11 tells us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. If you do not have that, you do not have faith. It is a gift that our Father gives us. We are saved by it.

Heb. 11:1-12:4. By faith, we know that the worlds were prepared by the Word of God, and that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. By faith, we are convicted of this. We know it. We are sure of it beyond the shadow of a doubt. Faith is not a feeling, but it is assurance and conviction. Everyone who has received the anointing from the Holy One knows. 1 John 2:20. Whoever has not received the anointing of the Holy One, the Holy Spirit, does not know. No matter what we do, it is impossible to please Him without faith. Heb. 11:6. The reason we work is because we have faith. Noah worked one hundred some-odd years to build the ark because he had faith until it was finished.

Once we are His, born of the Spirit into His family, we find ourselves on the road to growing up in Him and filled with assurance (Heb. 11:1) - filled with the faith that we belong to Him - filled with the faith that we have passed out of death and into life - the faith that we can experience life and peace as we set our mind on the Spirit - the faith that knows we belong to Him because we love our brethren and we have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Then we begin to bear fruit. And when we start bearing fruit, we start being pruned. Then we start suffering in order to bear more and more fruit. And then an "old friend" we once knew in the world comes to us - a familiar spirit, a nagging sin we seem unable to overcome - and then

guilt and condemnation and accusations flood us and turn us to introspection. Then we start tottering and faltering, and we become weak and start doubting. We begin to think that if we were really a disciple, we never would have done this, or thought that, and we think, "Maybe I was never saved." Instead of clinging to His unchanging love and promises, we pay attention to our feelings from our bad experiences, and we begin to doubt more and more, and then surrender to the wilderness of unbelief. The accuser takes advantage of the situation and brings about a tidal wave that sweeps us away in a sea of unbelief. Then we think, "Can God really accept me when I am so unfaithful and faithless?" But if you could hear Him, He is saying, "My acceptance of you is based on what my Son did for you, not on what you do." The failure to hear Him say this to you to try to be saved all over again, to receive the Spirit (Whom you have been sealed with) over and over again. You walk a faltering course as the faltering son, going around in circles. You have come to the stumbling block of Messiah (Matt. 11:6), what He is doing in your life to make you a true son.

The foundation of your life is Messiah Himself. It is built on the very promise of God and not your own personal experience.

So how do you, as a disciple, find assurance after this? By trusting the objective Word and not your own subjective feelings. Trust in the truth of His promises rather than relying on the subjective inward feelings that come from our own experiences. When fear and guilt and doubt rush in, put away your feelings, and take comfort and council in His Word, His promises.

1 John 3:14. We know we have passed out of death and into life because we love the brethren. Love is action. When we quit loving our brothers, our assurance goes out the window and we start reverting to subjective feelings. You can see in Heb.11 that faith is always action. So when these things come upon you and you have doubts, the opposite of knowing, what are you supposed to do about it? Love your brothers. You do not have to try to receive the Spirit again, but you can love, over and over again, when you fail. Our love is not complete or mature. It is increasing.

We must stop thinking doubts and start loving our brothers and sisters. If we do not love, then we have every reason to think the worst about ourselves. 1 John 2:1-5, 3: 14-16.

We do not have to return to the cross for a fresh conversion or be rebaptized every time we sin. Rather, we go to the throne of grace to receive mercy in time of need and receive help (Heb. 4:16) because we have an Advocate before the Father.

Our assurance is based on fact, not feelings. And the assurance we know is not just based on proper doctrine, but on action also. Heb. 4:16 says we must do something: "Let us draw near with confidence..." That is something we have to obey. James 4:7,8 says we must do something: "Submit, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." What do we have to do first? Submit, surrender your will. It does no good to resist unless you have surrendered your will to the will of our Father. Make no mistake about that. Do not accuse God for not helping you, if you have not submitted your will to Him. It says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." What do we have to do? Draw near. Who moved, Him or you? You. (Heb.2:1).

Heb. 12:12,13 tells us how to treat the faltering brother or sister: "Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble...so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." Find out what the "therefores" are there for.

What is social intercourse? A conversation, a relationship between two people, interpersonal exchange. In any social intercourse, i.e. between you and your Father or between you and a brother or sister, how you behave yourself with the other person has a definite effect

on that relationship. You have a relationship with our Father through YAHSHUA. The Holy Spirit has been given to you to speak to you in your heart. How you behave in that relationship has a definite effect on it. So we are all responsible for that relationship, to carry that relationship on, to have social intercourse, communication.

1 John 3:14-18, John 14:21, 13:34. "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

So we have His commandments today. We can love Him, not by a feeling, but by being a responder. Passivity is an evil spirit that dwells in a person. They love an evil spirit. Anyone who has passivity in them will not enter the Kingdom. How do we love Him? By obeying Him, keeping His commandments. His commandments are always towards other people, towards your brothers and sisters. John 15:11,12. "The one who loves Me, I will love him and disclose Myself to him." That is a PROMISE. You can see the responsibility in responding.

Gal. 6:7,8 is to be worked out with absolute certainty. That is the basis by which we will be judged. Heb. 6:7,8. If our life produces good fruit, we will be rewarded. If it does not, we will not be. John 15:7,8. So, if we produce things in our lives that are not acceptable to Him, then what can we expect if we do not fear, and reverse our behavior? If we produce good fruit, we will be rewarded with the Kingdom. If not, everything we did will be burned up. 1 Cor. 3:14,15.

But we are free to love our brothers and sisters, our wives and children, and say "No" to evil, and to not believe accusations. We do not have to believe the evil one, the lie when it comes along. We do not have to believe those things about ourselves.

Heb. 6:11,12,18,19. "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence, so as to realize the assurance of hope until the end, that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises... This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast, and one which enters within the veil." By this, we can enter through the veil into the Master's Table.

The work He did for us, we can add nothing to. It is finished. We must accept it, receive it. By faith we are saved. (This is the understanding that we can add nothing to the work He did for us. It is completed.) But the work He does in us now is something we give ourselves to wholeheartedly, seeking it.

Heb. 11:6. He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. It is impossible to please Him without faith. What does "seeking" mean? How do you seek for Him? It is like when you lose your hammer. You are on a job and you are helpless without that hammer, so you look for it. What about when you lose Him? Do you look for Him as much as you look for your hammer? He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. John 15:5.

Storms, winds that blow hard, tornadoes, hurricanes, will come. Anxious moments will come, with uneasy feelings. But our assurance is based on the fact that our life is in Him, tied to Him, grafted in, one Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:17.) Col. 1:23 says what all of us desire with all of our hearts to do, but very few in the first church continued to do it. We desire it because we have assurance. It says (v. 22), "He had reconciled you in order to present you holy and blameless if..." What is the "if" talking about? How do we do that? "If, indeed (what you do), you continue in faith, firmly established and steadfast and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard." Not moved away from that assurance. (Heb. 3:6) If only we keep what is required of us, then He will do His part in perfecting us.

The Holy Spirit's work, to unite a people, to sanctify us. He cannot do it if we do not believe.

YASHUA's work: He did it. We cannot add to it.

Our work: to believe.

We have an anchor for our souls (Heb. 6:19). What is the anchor for? It keeps us from drifting. What is going to happen if we do not have an anchor? What do we have to do? What if we do not use our anchor? It is no good keeping it in the boat, is it?

Our work is obedience, faith, believing. Is it too hard? Is He a hard taskmaster who made it impossible, and no one can do it? NO. We must take His yoke.

Heb. 2:1-3. "For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it..." It is unalterable, cannot be changed. But did the first church neglect their salvation? We must confess the sins of the first church, the sins they failed to confess. How would we neglect this salvation? Is there a tendency in us to drift? What is a tendency? A DRIVING FORCE. We have to use our anchor. A lot of things are lost by default or neglect. What do we have to pay, to not drift away? ATTENTION! We have to pay attention. What do we have to pay attention to? To what we have heard, or we will drift away. To combat this drifting tendency, this driving force, we have to pay with our attention. (Yoneq emphasized this point, saying he knew people who had not paid attention, and they drifted away.) We must pay with our attention. What is attention? Does your child have your attention? If he does not, he is not yours, and he needs to go be with someone else. If you have lost his attention, you have lost your child.

Heb. 3:7,13,14,19; 4:2; 6:17-20.

If you hear His voice, PAY ATTENTION. Do not harden your heart, like our forefathers did. They did not pay attention to His voice, and when they heard it, they hardened their hearts.

We are going to enter into that rest. Those who have faith will. If you have faith on the completed, finished, work of our Master to save you, and that you are on a road, and you are going to experience conflicts, battles, storms, everything else will come your way. What are you placing your trust in, your own experience or His Word?

Malachi shared that he knows how to pay attention to someone who is speaking: to look at them. It makes sense. That is how you pay attention. You fix your eyes on them. Our Master fixed His eyes on His Father, and we can fix our eyes on Him and the things He is saying, and we do not have to pay attention to the doubts and feelings, but to Him.