

## The Gospel is to *Know* the Creator

Nature reveals the glory of the Creator, who is called *God*. Nature reveals Him. Everyone knows there is a Creator. Everyone who has a mind knows there is a Creator. Acts 17:26 — Even though they seek for Him, they can never really reach Him to the point of being reconciled to the Father. They cannot do this through the witness of the material universe.

People who have never heard the good news about our Master Yahshua through a sent one can never really be reconciled and reach the Creator to become one of His special people who are to rule with Him throughout all eternity and the unlimited universe. Therefore, it is necessary for someone to tell others, to show them the way to reach and be reconciled to the Father. They need to hear about the One who is “the way, the truth and the light,” apart from whom no one comes to the Father. He is the Mediator, as Paul said:

*How 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? And how shall they hear unless they are sent? (Rom 10:14-15a)*

It is a great, awesome responsibility that we have. The gospel shows us the way to know the Creator that nature teaches us about. People must know the One who can reconcile them to the Creator. Psalms 19 says His voice speaks day and night. You look at the stars and the moon and all the creatures by day, the ants and bees and the wonderful, luscious trees, and you know there is a God.

Who told the seed to pop up like that? We can water it, but no one else except our Father can make it grow. Psalms 19 speaks of the Creator. Rom 1:18-20 — People know that He exists, but that is not enough. People must understand that He demonstrated His love for us by sending His son to die for us as Rom 5:8 says. People need to be shown the heart of the Creator.

Jms 4:17 — People know what sin is. We know the right thing to do and it hurts our conscience when we do the wrong thing. Our Father put that there to keep us from going beyond the limits and boundaries. The gospel can penetrate some people to see their condition. The gospel of creation has for some people been almost wiped out. They can hardly see it. Their souls are very damaged.

Some people “see” God in Creation and grope for Him, yet can’t find Him. They’d like to know Him whom they seek. A lot of them end up worshipping Creation. Still, our Father has mercy on those who know that He exists, and who live, as much as they can, according to their conscience. It is not that such men don’t sin, for all men sin, but some sin to a greater degree, damaging other people in a way that can’t be undone. And others don’t sin to that degree. They retain their worth as men made in the image of God.

### **The Two Witnesses**

What kind of God does nature reveal? You have the two witnesses, that of nature and that of the sent ones — that is, the Body of Messiah, people living together in unity. Some people might wonder why the gospel is necessary if He reveals Himself through nature. But that is not enough to establish a personal relationship with the Father.

We are the way. Jn 6:44 — “No one can come to the Father unless He draws them to Me.” And He lives in a people in a place. We house Him. That is where they have to come to serve and worship Him (Jn 12:26). *Edah* means witness. We are the witness of Yahshua just as creation is a witness of God the Father. The Edah is the witness of Him, Yahshua, as creation is the witness of the Creator. We are the way to know the Way and creation is the way to know that the Creator exists. We are the way to know our Master, who is the Way.

Faith comes by *hearing*, not reading one of our Freepapers. But that is the way to be drawn to the place where you can hear the good news. You can’t just read it and go your own merry way, doing your own thing. Our Father wouldn’t do that. He wouldn’t

just save a person from reading our Freepaper and then they never come see us, but just go on and try to make it on their own. The paper draws people to you, to where they can hear a righteous human being, as Mt 10:41 says:

*He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

It is the greatest reward: our Master Yahshua – His Spirit – His life. It is not just a prophet who can communicate the good news, but a righteous person, too. Someone can receive Him through any one of you. It doesn't take super apostles, super prophets, or super evangelists to represent Him. It only takes the *super* you. It takes a righteous sent one, without deceit or falsehood in him, with no unrighteousness – meaning he is seeking the glory of the one who sent him, not his own glory (Jn 7:18). We have had many of us go out to evangelize seeking our own glory or adventure, or even pleasure. We were not really being sent out, laid hands on us, to tell others how they can *know* the Creator whom they *know about* already.

### **We are to Persuade Men**

2 Cor 5:11 — Paul said we are to *persuade* men. Why did he say that? All of us are to stand before the judgment seat of Messiah to be judged for what we have done in the Body (2 Cor 5:10). Faith, as Rom 10:17 says, comes through hearing. This is what is required to be reconciled to the Father, to be firmly persuaded in our hearts to know our Master Yahshua – to be reconciled to our Father – to be firmly in His hands.

*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. (Jn 10:27-29)*

We have the most marvelous paper you've ever read, sixty-eight pages long. It inculcates the gospel by repetition.<sup>1</sup> Someone might read it and slough it off, but they

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<sup>1</sup> *Inculcate* means teach and impress by frequent repetitions or admonitions.

will hear it again and again. We have to introduce people to the only way you can come to the Creator and be His possession, His ruling ones, His agents. The universe will be filled, every planet. Therefore, they need leadership.

Rev 21:24 — The Holy City is a light to the nations who lived by their conscience, never rejecting the good news. They knew there was a Creator. But we want to lead them on to the Creator, and even those people who have almost cast Him away, as it says at the end of Romans 10:

*And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those who did not seek Me, I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me." (Rom 10:20)*

They start hearing the gospel and He is made manifest. That is our duty. It is our job. Otherwise, when we were baptized, we would just go on to be with Him. If that were so, whom would people hear the gospel from? Nobody.

We are going to this *Promise Keepers* event. I don't think we ought to hand the paper out unless we read it. Then when we take the time to read it, we can see if we are saved or not. If you take the time to read it, you can see whether you know the Father.

### **Impervious and Imperturbable**

If we are ashamed of Him and the gospel, He will be ashamed of us. What does Mk 8:34-38 say?

*And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

We have to be impervious of the spirit that would come to us to make us ashamed of Him and His word. It is like a raincoat that allows no water to penetrate. It is something that is not capable of being damaged or harmed.

**David Bekor** – We have to despise the shame (Heb 12:2).

Someone wasn't ashamed of the gospel and talked to David Bekor. (It was Aharon and Jehu.) All the thoughts that might come to us about being like a Christian or Jehovah Witness are the shame we have to despise. You are not even offended when people say something bad to you. If you are, it has already penetrated you.

As a matter of fact, we are imperturbable. Our character is marked by extreme calm, steadiness, serenity, unsusceptible to pain. We give no sign of being perturbed in our mind. That is, nothing throws us into confusion. We are imperturbable. Our Master was like that. It didn't mean He never took action, but He did not take offense to what was said to Him.

We keep ourselves focused, concentrated. We are not threatened by what people say about us. We are impervious, imperturbable in our character. All of this is because we know who we are. Christians are afraid of everything. They are afraid their doctrine is going to be wrong or their gospel is going to be shattered.

**Jesse** – It spoke to me about how creation is the witness of our Father and we are the witness of Yahshua. When we are established as a nation and are the righteous sent ones He needs us to be, then people will be without excuse. What an amazing thing we have been called to. Everyone knows that Creation is the witness of the Creator. We are the witness of the Savior.

Even when Adam and Eve fell away, He didn't leave Himself without a witness in creation. It is awesome that we can be the witness of our Master. I am thankful to be a part of what our Father is doing in these last days.

**Elliot** – Chanowk told me yesterday that it is no one else's fault if we break our fellowship with our Master. I saw that if we lose our peace in talking with these Christians, it is not their fault. It is ours.

*The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. (Isa 26:3).*

**ha-êmeq** – It was so funny to see Yoneq trying to explain to one of these Christians yesterday. They would ask him, "So, are you saying that if we don't live in one of your communities then we are not saved?"

Yoneq would go on and on about the Twelve Tribes, how it takes a community to be saved, about the purposes of God in having a witness on the earth in addition to that of creation, and they would just ask that question over again. It happened three times that way. Yoneq was laboring to give them understanding, but it was so difficult. Finally he just said, “Yes, you are not saved” and that made them content, “That was the question I was asking.”

It reminded me of the story of the pharmacist who came up with something that would heal everything. There were delicious herbs in it as well as bitter ones. People heard about it and they said, “We have to market this stuff.”

Soon enough they discovered, “It will sell a lot better if we take the goldenseal and valerian root out, and it seems to work just as well.” So they sold it as a prescription, but took those things out. Then someone takes the “mass-marketed pill” and isn’t really healed.

It was no longer His prescription, and they are not actually being healed. There was this man who was grossly overweight, with a terrible, mocking sense of humor, who was so concerned that he was not healed. If you said it, that he wasn’t being healed, he was going to discount us... but finally, the way Yoneq said it, he didn’t discount what he was hearing. He said, “Okay, I see your hearts,” and smiled.

The paper puts the proper ingredients back into the gospel.

**Chanowk Yatsar** – It has to be obvious that a man is connected to God. He made Himself visible in nature – visible enough for man to seek Him, but not enough to be connected to Him. All a man can do is grope for Him, Paul said, if perhaps he can find Him. What He sees is not enough to satisfy a man, though. He wants to find Him.

The question might better be addressed to that man, “Are you saying your life is evidence that you are reconnected to God?” instead of him asking whether you have to live in community. He already is doing something that is, supposedly, bringing salvation to his life. That is where the guilt of Jn 9:41 comes in.

**Yowceph** – Something would have to show that he, we, or anyone, is connected to God. Someone might say he is connected to God, but his life is like a plant laying on the ground, uprooted, obviously in the process of withering up and dying.<sup>2</sup> How can he say he is connected? But, we have to

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<sup>2</sup> Yowceph had recently replanted a jade tree accidentally run over by a truck, whose leaves were still

represent that – that we are connected and receiving the life and water so they can have hope.

Shem, what did you learn?

**Shem** – I learned that we can't be insulted by people when they talk to us.

Now that is a good word, *insulted*. That was the word I was looking for in talking about how we have to be impervious to the things people say to us.

**Elliot** – People who have destroyed their conscience are afraid of those who haven't, especially of those who have a renewed mind, because they can see God through them. It will be amazing when we show people who we are. It's going to scare them.

We hope it scares them to death, so that they can die to their old life.

Let's give thanks and pray for our paper, that everything would go well with it, even in the printing. It is about to roll off the press right now.

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green and whose trunk seemed normal, but whose roots were exposed, reaching out for the soil that wasn't there. It would have been just a short time until it was too late for that jade tree.