

Yom Kippur 3

Righteous as He is Righteous

Temptation — when one is under temptation and gives in *to any degree*, a defilement takes place in the conscience, which makes one vulnerable to the greatest destructive force in the Body — *accusations*. Accusation is Satan's chief occupation — to accuse the saints day and night (Rev 12:10). This is his greatest work.

1 Jn 3:8 — Only by abiding in Yahshua can one be free from Satan's greatest work, his chief job. Communities were divided asunder in the first and second centuries, as his greatest work. Yahshua came to *undo* his work (1 Jn 3:8).

1 Jn 3:7 is the only way we can please God (1 Jn 3:22). The race will only be run by those who can and will produce self-control in all things, since Satan *tempts* one to the degree of his loss of *self-control*. One must practice righteousness, but he who commits sin is of the devil, takes his character from the evil one, because the evil one sinned from the beginning (1 Jn 3:10).

The reason the Son of God was manifest in human form was to undo (or destroy) the works the devil has done and is still doing. 1 Jn 3:6,9,10 — He will do this through those who *practice righteousness*. This is what He is waiting for (Heb 10:13). In 1 Jn 3:7, "... the one who practices righteousness..." — the word *righteousness* must be evaluated, appraised, assessed. *What does the Greek say?* In 1 Jn 3:7, the one *doing* righteousness *is* righteous, *as Yahshua is righteous* (Col 1:10-11; 3:12). 1 Jn 3:8 says the *same* in regard to the devil, if one does not conform to Yahshua but does evil.

One who does righteousness takes his character from Yahshua's Spirit in him; the one who does evil takes his character from the spirit of the evil one in him. So 1 Jn 3:8 speaks of the reason Yahshua came — to *undo* the reason *Satan exists*. We have a great responsibility to live by and in accord with the Holy Spirit of Messiah. 1 Jn 3:10 — So it is clear (1 Jn 3:6) that the one who *sins* does not *know* Him — he knows the evil one. *So*, 1 Jn 3:3 says that those who belong to Him and know Him *are pure just as He is pure* — PURE, PURE (1 Jn 3:1-2).

So the *message* is this — this is the *message* — 1 Jn 3:11: *THIS IS THE MESSAGE.*

Jn 13:34-35; 15:12 — This is the *standard* by which we are judged. We know that if we sin, fall prey to Satan's temptation, we are stained with guilt and cannot love our brothers. 1 Jn 3:12-13 — Those who do not love, but hate their brothers are of the world, but if we love, we know we are His. The one who does not or cannot love is captive to Satan in death (Eph 2:1).

So righteousness is practiced by one who is *upright*, conforming to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action, living a consistently conscientious life. This one is *righteous*, even as Yahshua is righteous (Col 1:10-12; 3:12-17). In whatever way we are *not* righteous as He is righteous, this is not *walking in obedience* to Him or *worthily* of Him, *fully* pleasing Him. We are to judge ourselves right, as 1 Cor 11:26-27 says. So then whoever eats and drinks in an unworthy way, in a way that is unworthy of Him, as Col 1:10 — fully pleasing Him — will be judged and found guilty of sinning against (profaning) the body and blood of the Master, if we do not judge ourselves *right* (1 Cor 11:28-29).

A sin unto death means when you sin that sin, you are *pre-judged*, *sentenced to death*; you bring a verdict of judgment upon yourself. You are judged already to the first death (verse 30). But if we judge ourselves right, we searchingly examine ourselves, detecting the way we are *not* like Yahshua and are not *worthy* of Him, compatible, comparable, fitting for Him — consider what kind of good works we are not doing in a manner worthy of Him (Rev 19:7,8; Col 1:10; 1 Cor 11:32; 2 Pet 1:4-11). This is the *practice of righteousness* and we cannot expect to enter the kingdom without being righteous as He is righteous (2 Pet 1:10-14).

2 Pet 1:8 — If these qualities are *yours* (belong to you, Phil 3:8-11) — then you have a *genuine* righteousness. We must possess *genuine righteousness* that comes through *faith* — hearing His voice and doing what He says. This is saving faith, the process of *being saved*. Verse 10 (Amp.) — our determined purpose is *to know Him*. You can see why the gospel is such as Mk 8:35 and what will happen if we are ashamed of Him (verse 38).

To be righteous (1 Jn 3:7) is to produce much fruit (Jn 15:8), and all the fruit of the Spirit. Without self-control we will be taken captive by Satan *to do his will*. So (Gal 5:22-24), those

who belong to Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 1 Jn 3:7-10 — Verse 10 is the way things are made clear to us so we won't have to *pretend* past the Day of Atonement, and we can call on the name of Yahshua to do what Gal 5:24 says about all who belong to Him, so you can be *righteous* as He is righteous (1 Jn 3:8).

Hurtful Ways

Do you find it hard to love your brother? Do you find it easier to hate him? 1 Jn 4:20-21; 5:1-3. Ps 139:24 — See if there be any wicked (#6090: hurtful, offensive) way in me, that which causes pain to others. [Ps 50:16 — *But to the wicked* (#7563: *rasha*) *God says, "What right have you to tell of My statutes, and to take My covenant in your mouth?"* Dan 12:10 (wicked)] Jms 3:2 — These ways are what grieves others or grieves the Holy Spirit in us (Eph 4:30). A wicked way is that which is an *idol*, not easily given up for even God, to do what pleases Him (Col 1:10; 1 Jn 3:22; Eph 5:8-12); it is that which causes mental pain, emotional stress, grief in soul, sorrow.

Do you have offensive ways, aggressive ways, interrupting others as if you are the only one, exalting yourself *inadvertently* — presumptuous ways, barging in on others? It is the opposite of being humble, having a lowly opinion of yourself (Jms 4:6,10), poor in spirit, needy. *Only* those who are able to humble themselves can be made pure, white, clean, refined and purified (Dan 12:10). Only they are the wise (Dan 12:3; Rev 3:4-5; Hos 14:9; Pr 1:5; 3:35).

Hos 14:9 — Transgressors stumble in simple things that children can do. These are the wicked, or those who offend. Jms 3:2,13,17-18 describe the *end* product of Mal 3:3-4. The main thing is to know Messiah and His ways (Heb 3:10), to know Him (Phil 3:8-9), whatever it takes from us (Phil 3:10-13).

Hos 14:9 is a summary of his prophecy, the *message* of his book. The *main thing* is what?

To know God;

To know His ways;

To follow Him and so find righteousness (1 Jn 3:7);

To avoid paths or ways that lead to death and destruction.

Hos 14:4-9; 13:14; 10:12; 9:17; 5:15; 4:14.

Dan 12:10 — *understand* — the people who do not understand will be trampled and ruined, if we do not cultivate the fallow ground (Hos 10:12). What we don't know *can* hurt us (Hos 4:6-7). We must *seek* for wisdom (Pr 2:1-5), lay hold of spiritual understanding which keeps us from ruin and destruction.

Hos 5:15 — We find Him in His word and in prayer and in doing righteousness (Jn 14:21) obeying Him. He will honor (Jn 12:26) and show himself to those who seek Him with their whole heart (Hos 10:12). To His children He reveals Himself as a Father who is tender, nurturing them by His word and Spirit (Hos 11:1-4). He is sensitive to their needs. 1 Jn 3:22 — they receive from Him if they are children or sons who obey Him (Mal 3:17). He teaches, encourages, helps, and heals them. Growing up in all ways (Eph 4:15-16), is not by chance, but only because every child of His *speaks in love* to the others. This is the way God *nurtures* His children.

Hos 10:12 — Fallow ground is land left uncultivated — no teachings, no reports, no nurturing — no elders (Heb 13:17; Lk 21:34).

Ps 139:24 — In what *way* do you *offend* (Jms 3:2)? We are to grow up in *all ways* (Eph 4:15) into Him. All *ways* that we *offend* are crucified as we see these things in us *daily*. Lk 9:23 — we take up our cross *daily*. Jms 3:2 is the self control that will not succumb to Satan's temptations. Jms 3:3-16 goes on to speak of these offensive ways in us. Verses 5-10 — the tongue makes us see our *wicked way* (verses 11-12). Verse 13 is the one who fully pleases Him (Col 1:10).

Jms 3:14 is *hurtful ways* in defiance of the truth (Num 15:31). Verse 15 shows us where we are coming from (Dan 12:10). Verse 16 shows more of these wicked ways, but verse 17 is the *understanding* of the wise (Dan 12:10). The fruit of the Spirit is the fruit of the Kingdom. Jms 3:18 — peacemakers are the sons of God *manifested* (Rom 8:19) as worthy of Messiah.

Offensive ways are things like the dictionary defines the word and all the synonyms for the word *offensive*, things in us that cause injury or damage. They are characterized by *attack* — aggressive, harmful ways, giving pain or unpleasant sensations, causing displeasure or resentment, giving offense, insulting, affronting, loud, coarse behavior. “Be on guard, Gunter is near. Be prepared for attack.”

Jms 3:7-8 — The human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is an undisciplined, irreconcilable, restless evil, full of death-bringing poison. Jms 3:9 — We go to the morning minchah and bless Yahweh, and with it we speak unkind, impatient words to our brothers (verses 10-12).

So, on the Day of Atonement we *must not* let any *hurt* we have caused to others go on into the next year, or we are *cut off* from Israel, the people of God (Rom 11:22; Jude 1:21).

Eph 4:29 — Let no foul, polluting language, no evil word or unwholesome, worthless talk *ever* come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good, beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the needs of the moment or occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace to those who hear.

Mt 12:34-37 — Are we getting the message?

The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil.

Every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment.

By your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

Ps 139:24 — Offensive words are offensive ways, unchecked or unjudged in us (1 Cor 11:27-29). We are defiled by *thoughts* (Mk 7:20-23), thoughts about the things listed and the things we do as a result of our thoughts (Rom 8:6). All these things make us unfit for service, useless and worthless as far as doing anything good is concerned. 2 Cor 5:10 — We may do things, but it must be judged later whether it was good or bad (worthless). Pr 16:17; 19:2; Ps 1:1; 25:10; 51:13. We must learn *His ways* (Heb 3:10).