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The Journey Starts Part 2

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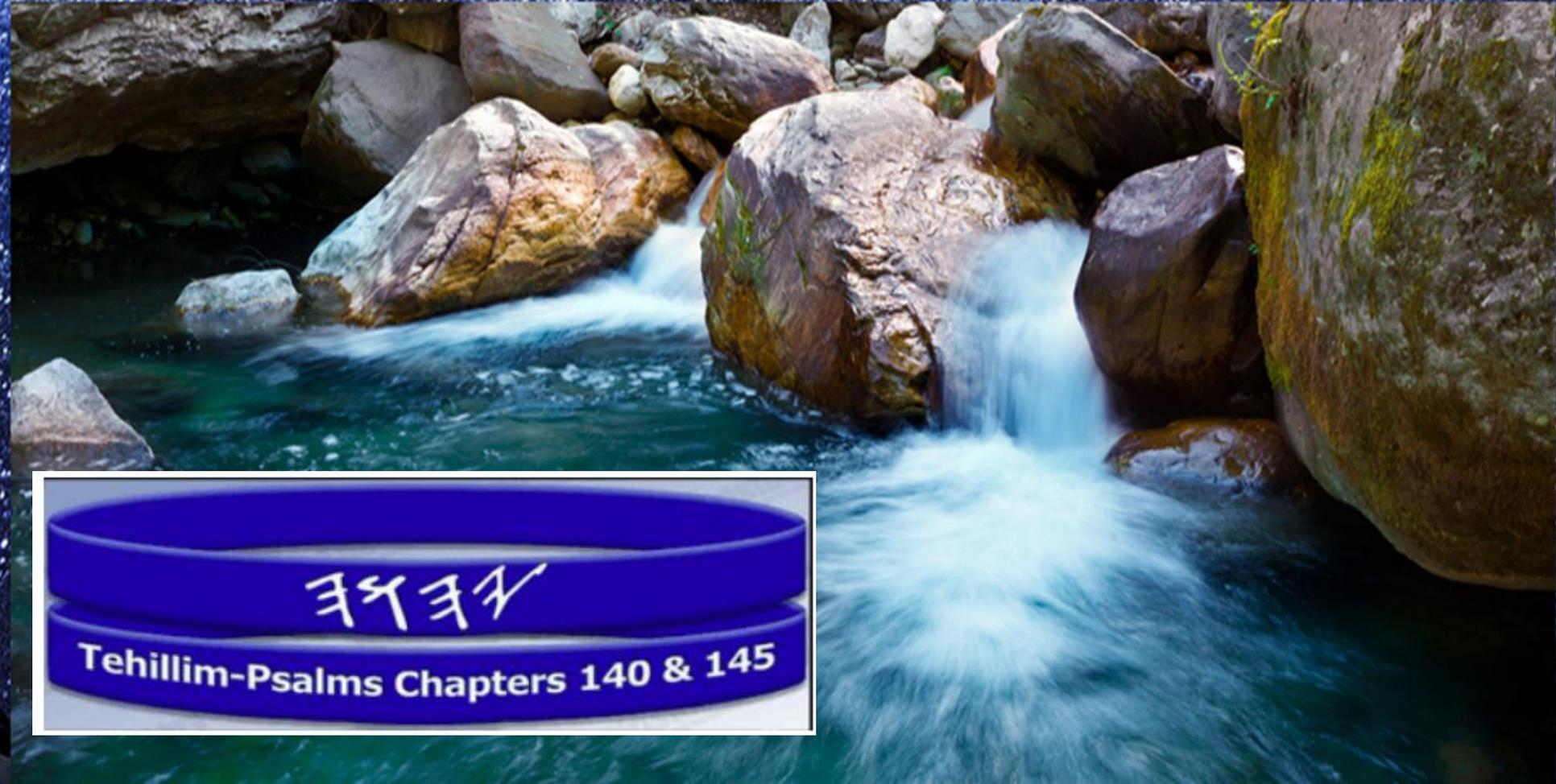
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We will be gleaning from quite a few different sources as we go through this. We have learned a lot from the folks that are on the same journey and have information that helps this all makes sense and keep us on the proper path as laid out by Yahuah in Scripture. We will be as usual changing the GD and other offending titles and names to the proper one in comic sans font.



We will be gleaning a lot in this series from Steve Berkson of MTOI. He is an awesome teacher and the link will get you to a ton of teachings.

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The downside for us is, he uses Paul and Yahweh and has a different view of who Yahusha is. That is why we offer up his nuggets of information filtering these things out. We have learned a lot, and with discernment we highly recommend his teachings.



How do we start this journey? We have learned that Yahuah is calling us and we have to hear Him and answer. But since we are not actually hearing a voice, how does this happen? What makes a person want to know about Yahuah and come out of Babylon? This is not just a place. It's a mindset. Cultural influences, societal influences and spiritual influences - our personal preferences- all that have made us who we are now.



Here in America, are we not living the dream life? What would make a person religious or not have second thoughts about what path they are on?

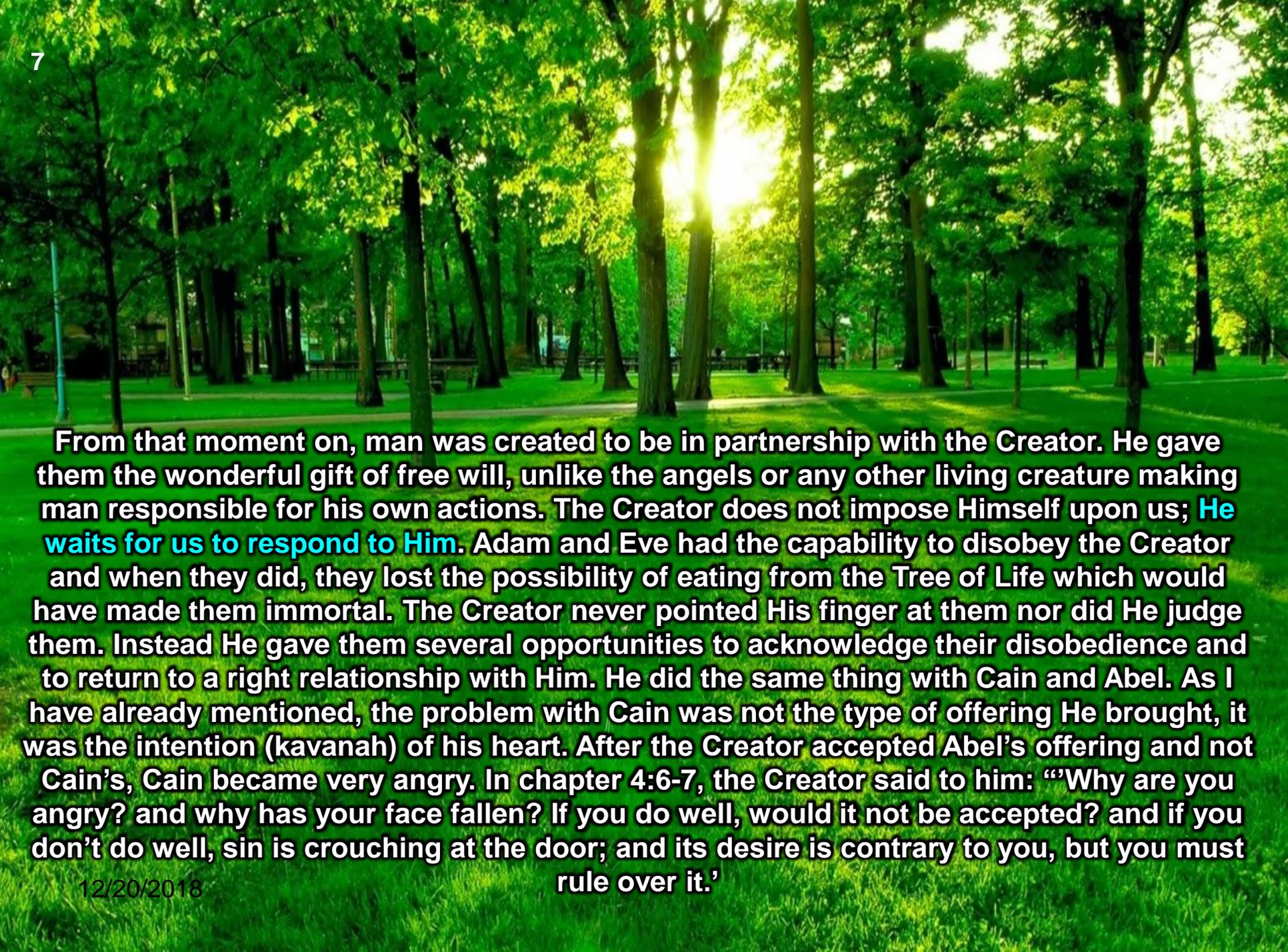
Where am I?

October 8, 2018 Written by Rabbi Percy Johnson
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Once again, we begin a new cycle with Bereshit, Genesis which speaks to the simplest of people as well as to scientists through Quantum Physics. In Ber. 1:20 the word nefesh is introduced which means “being alive”. It describes the waters with swarms of living creatures and birds. The largest animals are given the term “nefesh”. נֶפֶשׁ

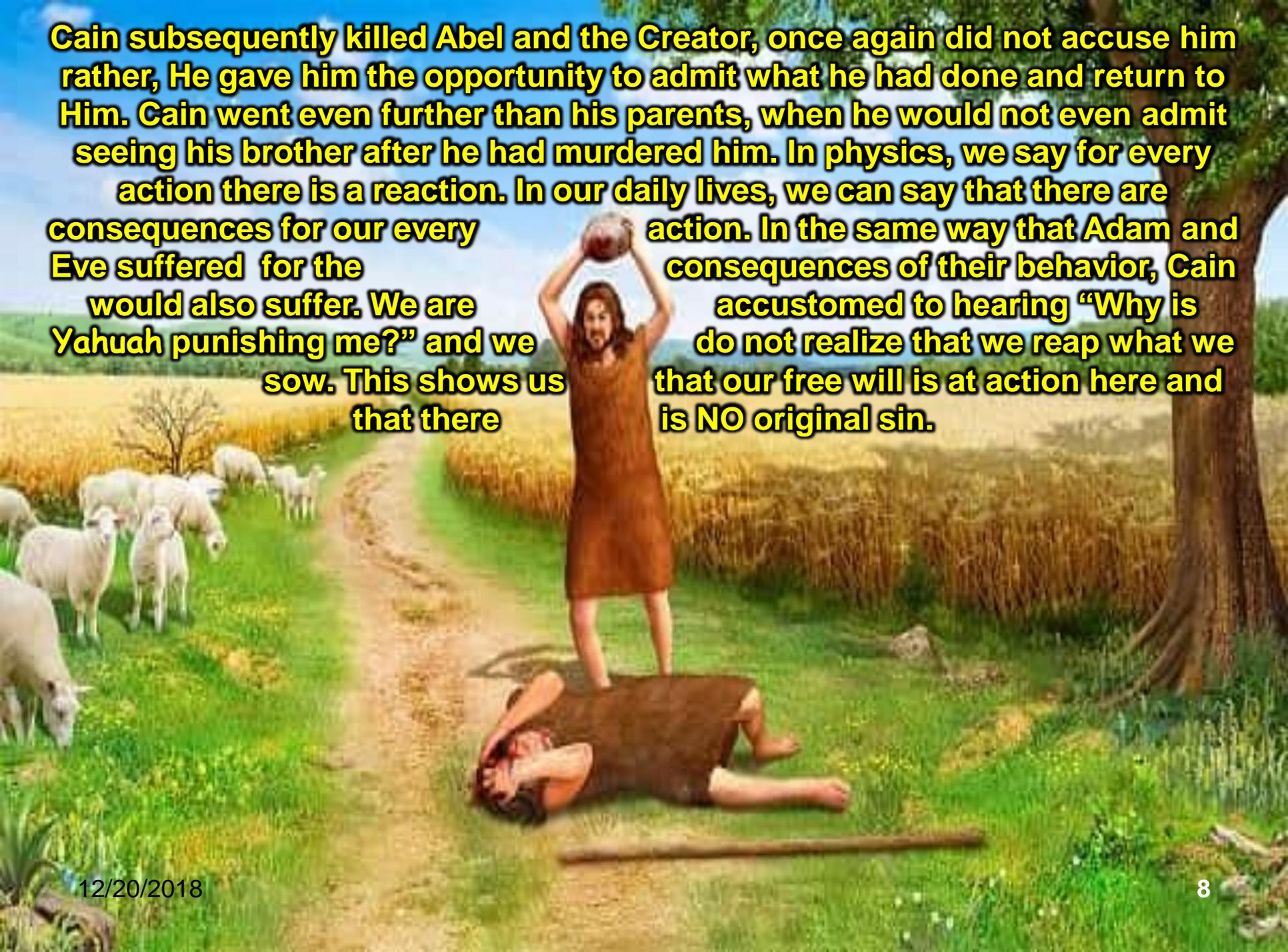
He blessed them on the 5th day and said, “to be fruitful and multiply” (vs.22). On the 6th day He brought all kinds of beasts according to their kinds. Then Yahuah made man, also as “nefesh”, as a living creature. However, He would add something special to man – the quality of His “likeness and image” – כְּדִמוּתוֹ כִּדְמוּתוֹ בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדִמוּתוֹ
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In Chapter 2 vs. 7 we have a different account of the creation of man – from the dust of the earth He breathed into man’s nostrils, the breath of life (נִשְׁמַת חַיִּים), nishmat chaim, from which we get the word, neshama – soul. From this, we are able to differentiate between all living creatures and man in whom Yahuah breathed His spark of life and who carries His essence.



From that moment on, man was created to be in partnership with the Creator. He gave them the wonderful gift of free will, unlike the angels or any other living creature making man responsible for his own actions. The Creator does not impose Himself upon us; He waits for us to respond to Him. Adam and Eve had the capability to disobey the Creator and when they did, they lost the possibility of eating from the Tree of Life which would have made them immortal. The Creator never pointed His finger at them nor did He judge them. Instead He gave them several opportunities to acknowledge their disobedience and to return to a right relationship with Him. He did the same thing with Cain and Abel. As I have already mentioned, the problem with Cain was not the type of offering He brought, it was the intention (kavanah) of his heart. After the Creator accepted Abel's offering and not Cain's, Cain became very angry. In chapter 4:6-7, the Creator said to him: "Why are you angry? and why has your face fallen? If you do well, would it not be accepted? and if you don't do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.'

Cain subsequently killed Abel and the Creator, once again did not accuse him rather, He gave him the opportunity to admit what he had done and return to Him. Cain went even further than his parents, when he would not even admit seeing his brother after he had murdered him. In physics, we say for every action there is a reaction. In our daily lives, we can say that there are consequences for our every action. In the same way that Adam and Eve suffered for the consequences of their behavior, Cain would also suffer. We are accustomed to hearing “Why is Yahuah punishing me?” and we do not realize that we reap what we sow. This shows us that our free will is at action here and that there is NO original sin.



The end of this parashah describes the decadence to which mankind had fallen leading up to the flood and their subsequent destruction. There is a hint in chapter 4:25-26, about the birth of Seth as a substitute for Abel and his son, Enosh אֱנוֹשׁ which means humanity. This was intended to bring a new start to man but verse 26 says that “then men began to call upon the names of other gods”.

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This was the beginning of idolatry the consequences of which led up to the flood.

Since creation, our DNA has not changed. We are doing the same things that Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel have done, and our Creator is asking us, “where are you?” as He asked them. Let us ask ourselves “where am I?”.

Are you ready for a
'JOURNEY' into TRUTH and
out of confusion?



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Deu 8:2 And you shall remember all the way which Yahuah your Eternal led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would guard His instructions, or no.

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How do you deal with having your whole world turned inside out and upside down?



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- Mindset - Heart/emotions - Actions/behaviors - Individually and as a community/Body
- Dealing with our emotions, fears, needs/wants disconnect, self-sovereignty issues

It is quite natural to have a kind of freaking out experience where you feel like the foundations you have had all your life are now the exact opposite of what you should have been taught. It is ok. Yahuah has you and will walk you through this. It is not a race. Slowly and steadily rebuild your foundation on truth. That is what is required, not that everything is changed overnight without understanding. But once the understanding is firm then you should want and need that change to happen as soon as possible to please Yahuah.

Steve aptly describes it like walking on a water bed.



Trying to get your bearings and back on firm ground is the effect of having your shalom or peace disturbed.

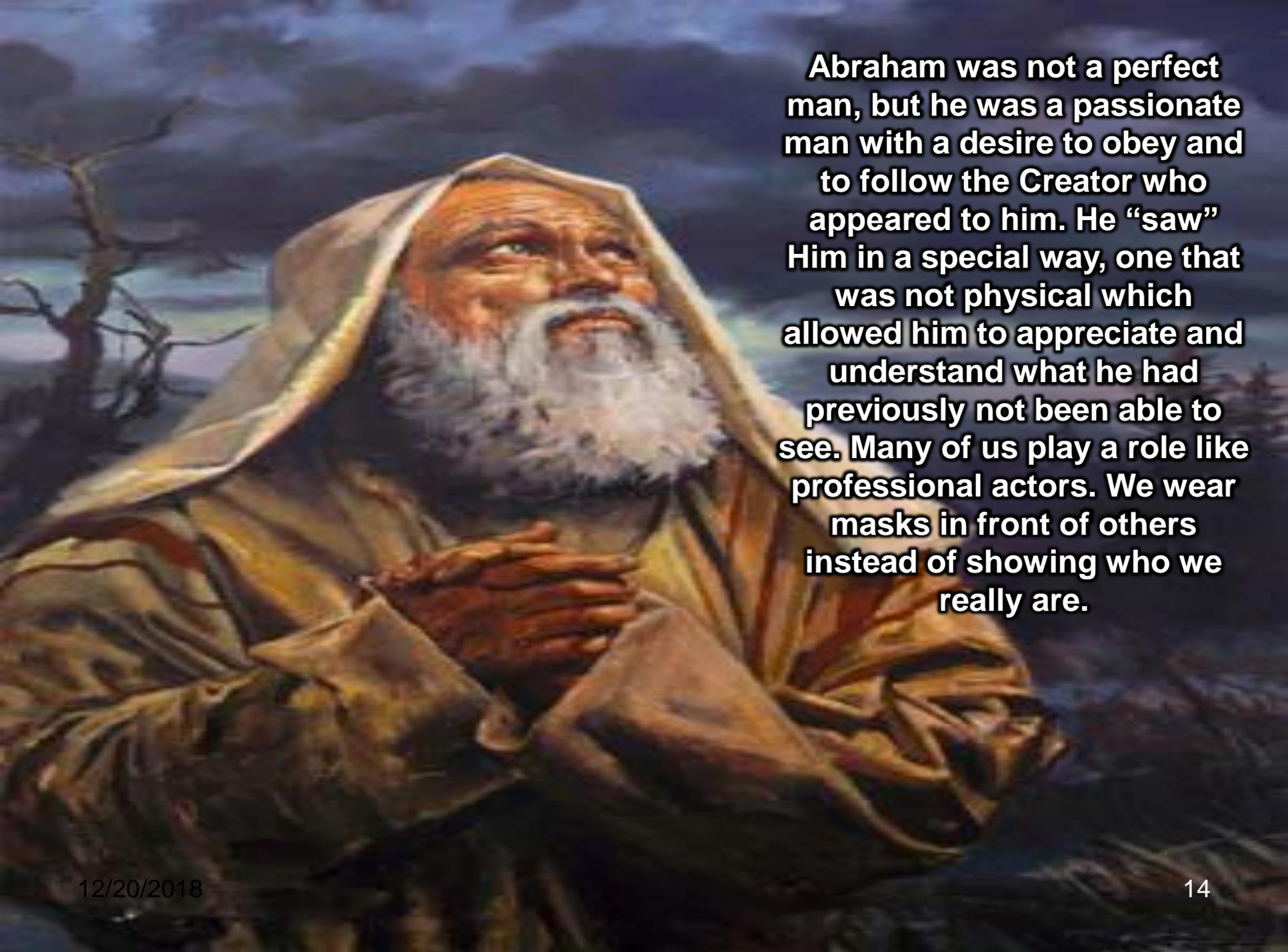
It is meant to move you from where you are to safer, higher ground. The fear and panic of it can almost make you run back to where you were. We see Israel doing a lot of that in Scripture- They wanted to go back to Egypt after all they saw and went through- they wanted to go back to where it was familiar. The point is to stay still and calm – you will be shown where the solid ground is and it is rock solid.



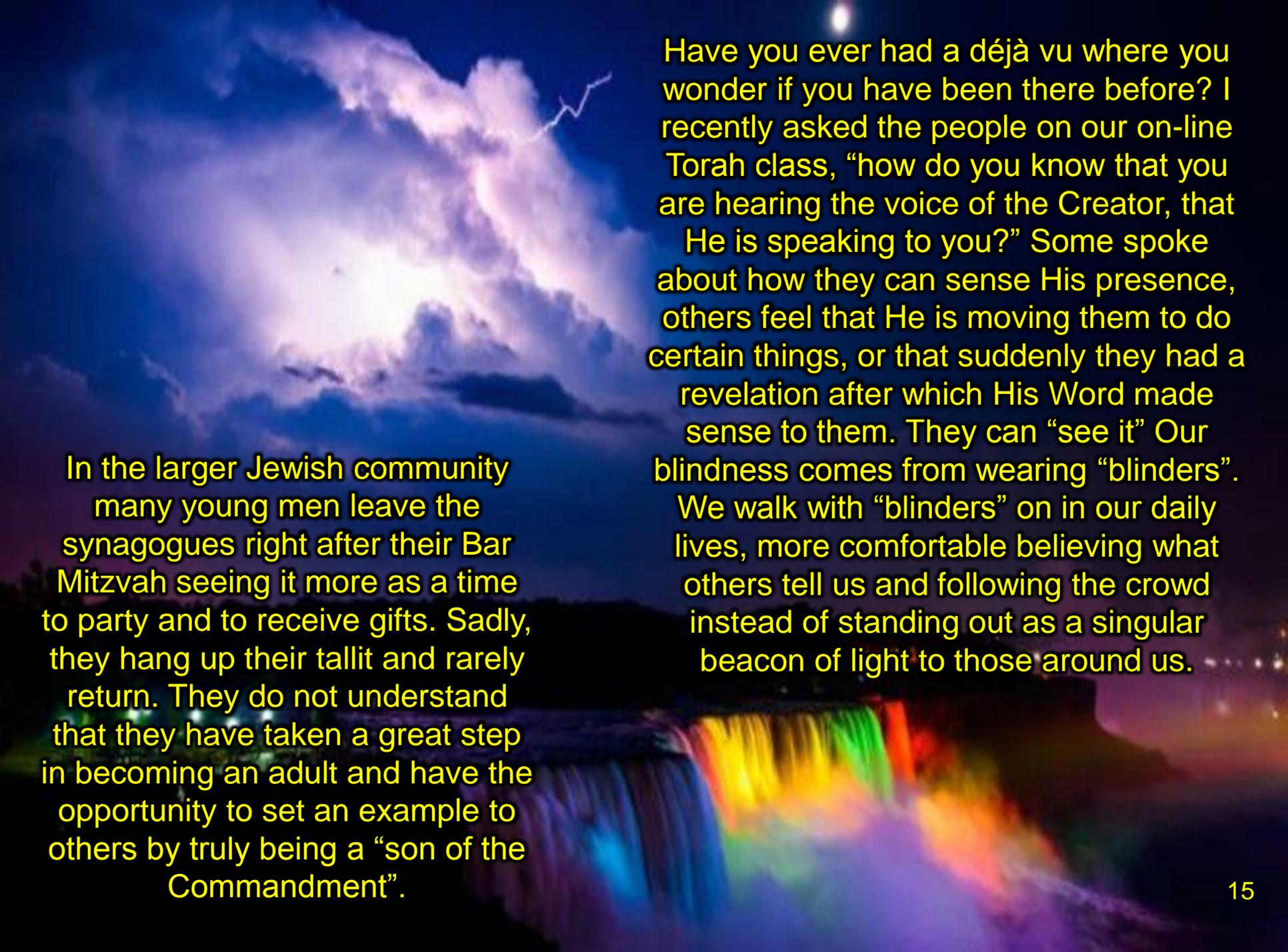
Has the Creator spoken to you?

October 29, 2018 Written by Rabbi Percy Johnson

In this Jewish community we open our arms to anyone from outside who wants to join us knowing that Avraham Avinu, our father Abraham came from the Gentile world himself; he was not born an Israelite. While he was still a part of the nations, he heard the voice of the Creator who the Torah says, “appeared” to Abram. The word “appears” or “sees” is repeated very often in the Scriptures. When we say, “oh I see”, it means that we understand. There are people who have sight, yet they are blind and there are those who are blind, yet they have sight. Our children “see” us; they watch what we do. If we want to be a good example, we need to walk a straight and narrow path and that is not always easy.



Abraham was not a perfect man, but he was a passionate man with a desire to obey and to follow the Creator who appeared to him. He “saw” Him in a special way, one that was not physical which allowed him to appreciate and understand what he had previously not been able to see. Many of us play a role like professional actors. We wear masks in front of others instead of showing who we really are.



In the larger Jewish community many young men leave the synagogues right after their Bar Mitzvah seeing it more as a time to party and to receive gifts. Sadly, they hang up their tallit and rarely return. They do not understand that they have taken a great step in becoming an adult and have the opportunity to set an example to others by truly being a “son of the Commandment”.

Have you ever had a déjà vu where you wonder if you have been there before? I recently asked the people on our on-line Torah class, “how do you know that you are hearing the voice of the Creator, that He is speaking to you?” Some spoke about how they can sense His presence, others feel that He is moving them to do certain things, or that suddenly they had a revelation after which His Word made sense to them. They can “see it” Our blindness comes from wearing “blinders”. We walk with “blinders” on in our daily lives, more comfortable believing what others tell us and following the crowd instead of standing out as a singular beacon of light to those around us.

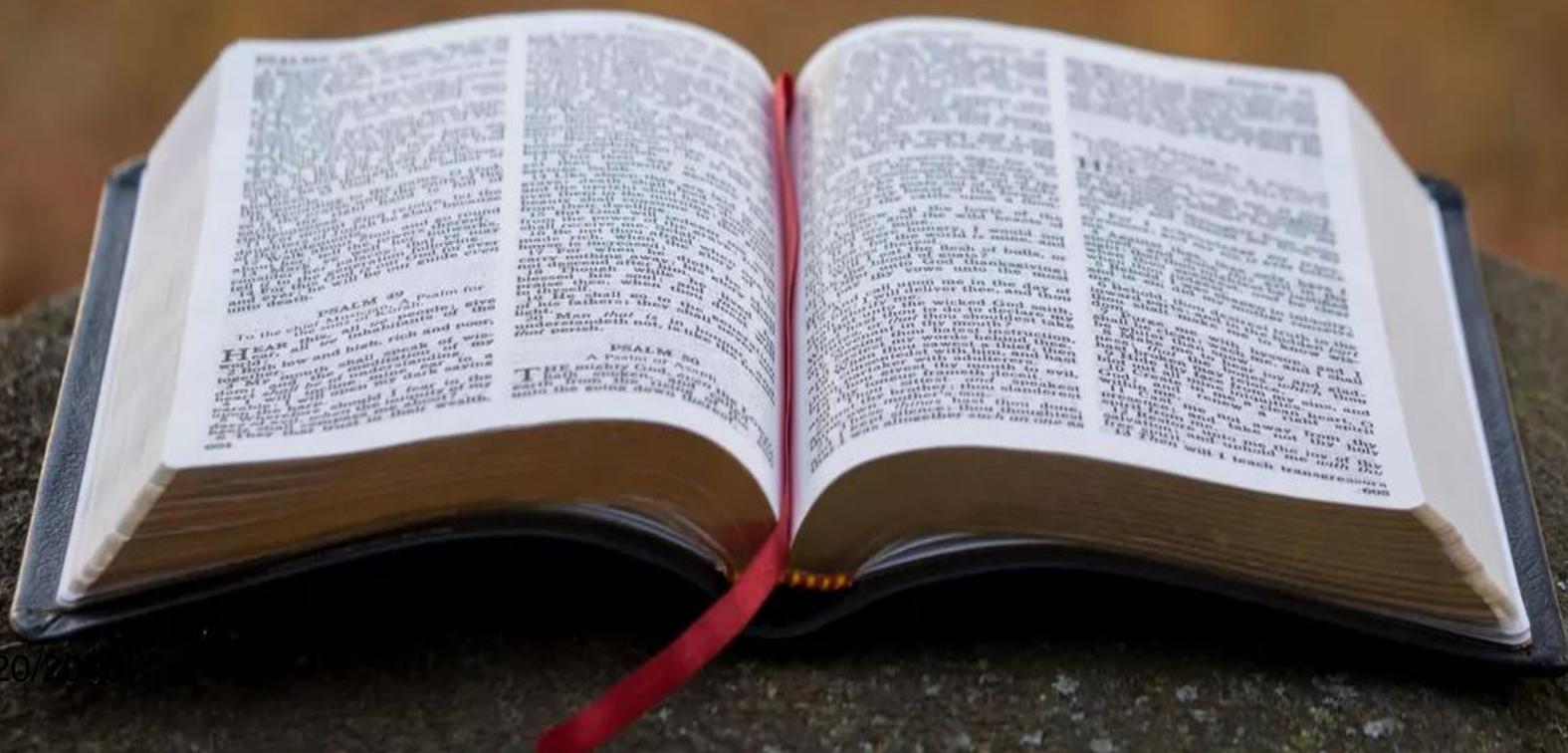
We adults have a great challenge. We may be very “enlightening” outside our homes, putting on a self-righteous act to everyone else but then as soon as we get home, we change. Then we complain when our children don’t listen to us.. What example have we been giving them at home? Our children smell hypocrisy, they sense from a very young age what is going on in the home. It is not about being perfect since no one is perfect, but the secret lies in acknowledging our humanity as Abraham did. He never tried to look perfect.

Right after he was called “righteous” by the Creator, he immediately failed. Why would the Creator give us this as an example? We question why he didn’t fight for his son Ishmael when Sarah wanted him and Hagar thrown out into the desert? We question why he didn’t intercede for Isaac his beloved son when he was told to take him and kill him.

Yet he interceded for the wicked people of Sodom and Gomorrah. A similar thing happened to me. I was asked to testify about a person’s character and I did so willingly. This person was not close to me at all. When I was asked to do the same thing for someone in my own family, I had trouble doing it. It is very easy to speak for someone who isn’t close to us but very difficult to stand up for our own family. We don’t like to look as if we are self-serving. I learned a great lesson through Abraham. Many of us have that problem but we need to learn from this man so that we can grow and improve.

Has the Creator spoken to you? How does He speak to us? He speaks to us through the Scriptures, the Torah, the situations that we face, through people, and through our circumstances that we are living. When I was in the hospital several years ago, I had nowhere to look but up as I lay there in the bed. The Creator spoke to me loud and clear in the way that the Creator spoke to Abraham – in his soul. He was able to see into the spiritual realm, to see his reality and the reality of the people in his life. We each need such an experience. Have you had a very special experience with the Creator that has turned your life around? Allow Yahuah to speak to you and you will see how your life will change.

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“Have You Been Chosen”?

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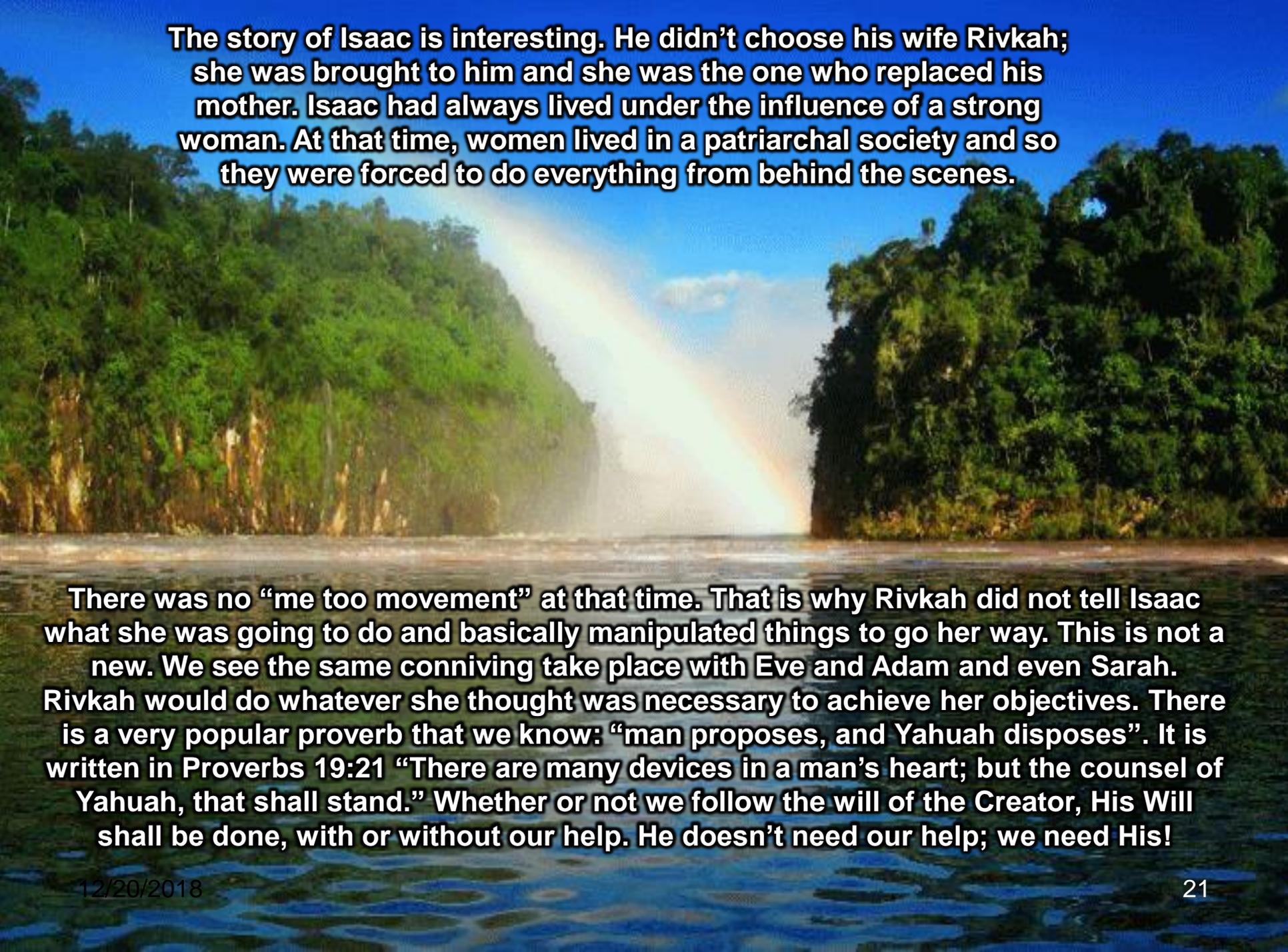
The Torah needs to be seen not as a book of laws, doctrines and dogmas but as a book of stories which teach us principles by which to live. Our three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are all mentioned in this portion Toldot each at different stages of their lives. As a matter of interest, we can see that the stories are not chronological since the last portion speaks of Abraham’s death however if we examine the facts, Abraham was 160 yrs. old when Isaac had the twins Jacob and Esau at 60. The twins were teenagers when Abraham died at the age of 175. It is not a matter of the Torah being factually correct rather the Torah teaches us through stories which are repeated in patterns meant to show us how the Creator works in our lives.

When we compare the stories of Sarah and Rivkah, we see that they lived similar lives. They both left the comfort of their homes (like Avraham) to go to the Promised Land. Rivkah provided water to the servant's camels at the well and similar stories which take place at the well are repeated with Jacob and Rachel and Moshe and Tziporah (the difference is that Jacob and Moses served). Rivkah was truly a matriarch like Sarah and like her, Rivkah and Rachel were also strong women. In all these pictures, the Creator is giving us a lesson – that nothing in life comes easy. He doesn't give us handouts. We need to work hard for everything we get contrary to some religions which teach that all we need to do is believe in the right thing and everything is given to you! That is the greatest lie. It is true that the Creator covers and protects us, but we need to act responsibly and there are times we will fail. Our heroes were far from perfect in contrast with how religions portray them. Religious settings take away our humanity and try to make us perfect. Yahuah does not ask perfection from us; all He asks is that we be loyal and faithful to Him, even when we fail and fail, we will.



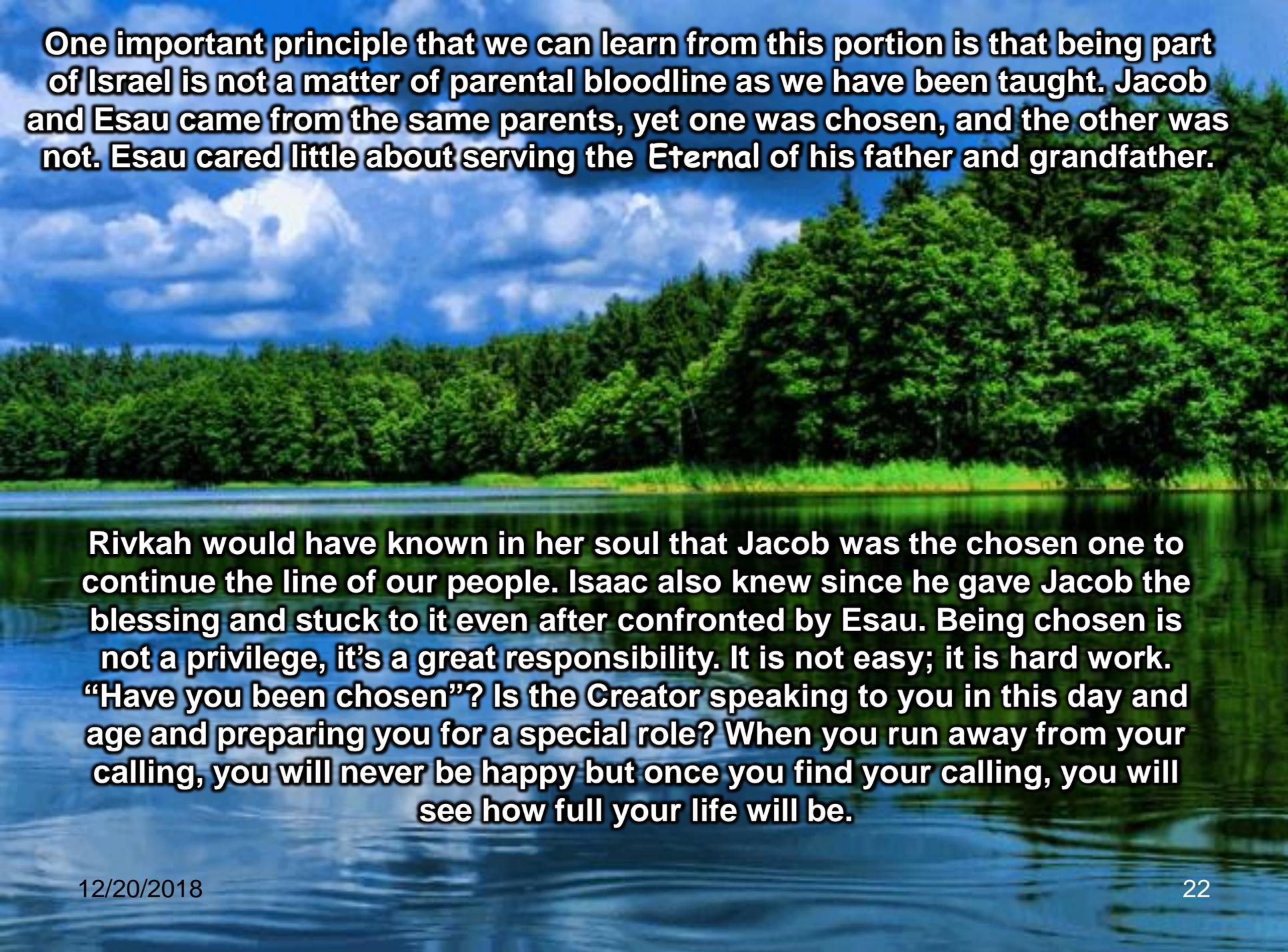
Turn around.

We learn a good lesson in psychology from Jacob and Esau who were twins; one favored by the father and one by the mother. Psychological studies have shown that the odd numbered children are favored by the father and the even numbered babies belong to the mother. The Torah states that Isaac loved Esau and Rivkah loved Jacob. This is a recipe for disaster. When parents show favoritism among their children, it destroys the home. Jacob would later repeat the pattern he had learned from his father Isaac. Our only hope in changing this is for us to humble ourselves and to do true teshuva.



The story of Isaac is interesting. He didn't choose his wife Rivkah; she was brought to him and she was the one who replaced his mother. Isaac had always lived under the influence of a strong woman. At that time, women lived in a patriarchal society and so they were forced to do everything from behind the scenes.

There was no “me too movement” at that time. That is why Rivkah did not tell Isaac what she was going to do and basically manipulated things to go her way. This is not a new. We see the same conniving take place with Eve and Adam and even Sarah. Rivkah would do whatever she thought was necessary to achieve her objectives. There is a very popular proverb that we know: “man proposes, and Yahuah disposes”. It is written in Proverbs 19:21 “There are many devices in a man’s heart; but the counsel of Yahuah, that shall stand.” Whether or not we follow the will of the Creator, His Will shall be done, with or without our help. He doesn’t need our help; we need His!



One important principle that we can learn from this portion is that being part of Israel is not a matter of parental bloodline as we have been taught. Jacob and Esau came from the same parents, yet one was chosen, and the other was not. Esau cared little about serving the Eternal of his father and grandfather.

Rivkah would have known in her soul that Jacob was the chosen one to continue the line of our people. Isaac also knew since he gave Jacob the blessing and stuck to it even after confronted by Esau. Being chosen is not a privilege, it's a great responsibility. It is not easy; it is hard work. "Have you been chosen"? Is the Creator speaking to you in this day and age and preparing you for a special role? When you run away from your calling, you will never be happy but once you find your calling, you will see how full your life will be.

Who are we supposed to be according to Scripture?



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- Our identity issues
 - Who we are right now and how we got to be that way – River and Riverbank analogy
 - Cultural influences, societal influences, spiritual influences (Babylon)
 - Personal preferences

Who we are right now and how we got to be that way – River and Riverbank analogy



The Riverbank Analogy from Curtis, an Australian friend of Steve's shows that Yahusha is the river and he wants us to get off the riverbank and get in the river. But we are comfortable on our riverbank (our life) the water looks cold, dangerous and we don't want to just jump in with both feet, maybe we just want to put our toe in or splash a little water on us but we don't want to fully immerse in the river.

Another scenario is we could be like the flying fox that jumps back and forth from one side of the riverbank to the other- never getting into the river and getting into another mess of confusion.



The riverbank can symbolize religion, the world, everything that is not the river. We have grown up and spent a lot of time on the riverbank and we are now finding out we were supposed to be in the water.

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Some want to make the leap and understand they need to make the leap but fear and panic just keeps holding them back. What would family and friends think? How does this affect my job? This changes a lot of things in your life. Some do not have the courage to choose the Creator of the Universe over the world they have made for themselves.

No where in scripture or in this example do we find that we are supposed to fix the riverbank.

We need to be careful because when we first find out about the river we want to start fixing the riverbank we were on. We don't take buckets of river water and try to give to everybody on the riverbank (your home, work, old church, etc).

We need to be really careful with this because Abba will draw them out in the proper time just like He drew us into the river.

This is the journey. It is the same path but very unique as to when and how this gets walked out for everyone. However most were not raised this way. We were taught we had to go out and "save" people.



Are you a Dead Fish or a Live Fish?

October 22, 2018 Written by Rabbi Percy Johnson

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Avram Avinu received a call from Yahuah to leave everything he knew behind and to follow Him. We know very little about Avram except that he did leave and took his wife, his nephew Lot and those of his servants who wanted to follow. Abram didn't know where he was going but he obeyed. When Abram left, he was a very rich man, so he didn't leave because he was promised fame and fortune; he left because he simply believed Yahuah . He was obedient. The Torah said that Abram left his home with a group of "souls" people that he "made" meaning that he taught them about the One and only Eternal and they followed him because they accepted his teaching. When Abram reached Canaan, he was not welcomed with open arms by the people who lived in the land. Were they expected to invite him in to take over this land? The text says that he would not take over the land until the people who dwelled there had reached the pinnacle of their debauchery. It was Yahuah who wanted these people out of His Promised Land!

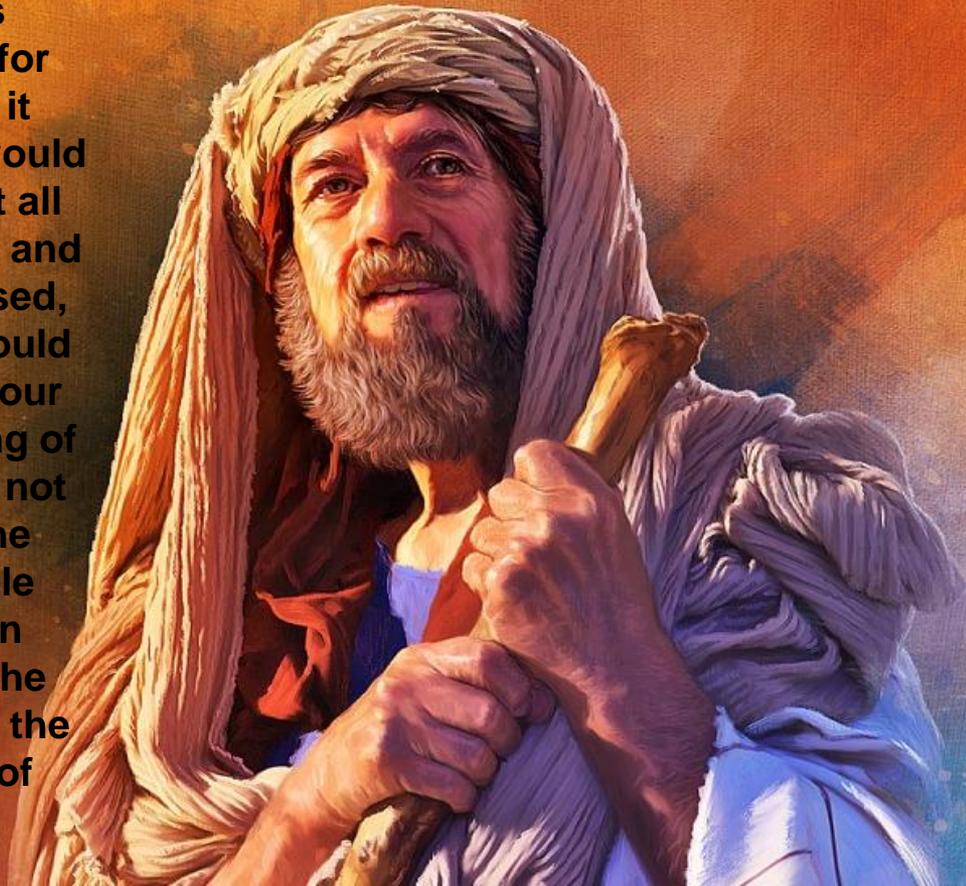
We do not know what Abram believed about his journey, but in that moment, it was as if he were reborn. He would leave everything he knew to start again. How many of us have taken that same step of faith because we could no longer remain where we were? We knew there was something wrong and we had to head off in a new direction. We were literally “inspired” to a higher calling. We were swimming against the current. I recently read a saying that I think is applicable here, “A dead fish goes with the current, while a living fish swims against the current.” When we go against the current, it takes a lot of energy and courage. Most people tend to follow the latest trends because they are “dead fish” who have lost both their individuality and their ability to choose for themselves.



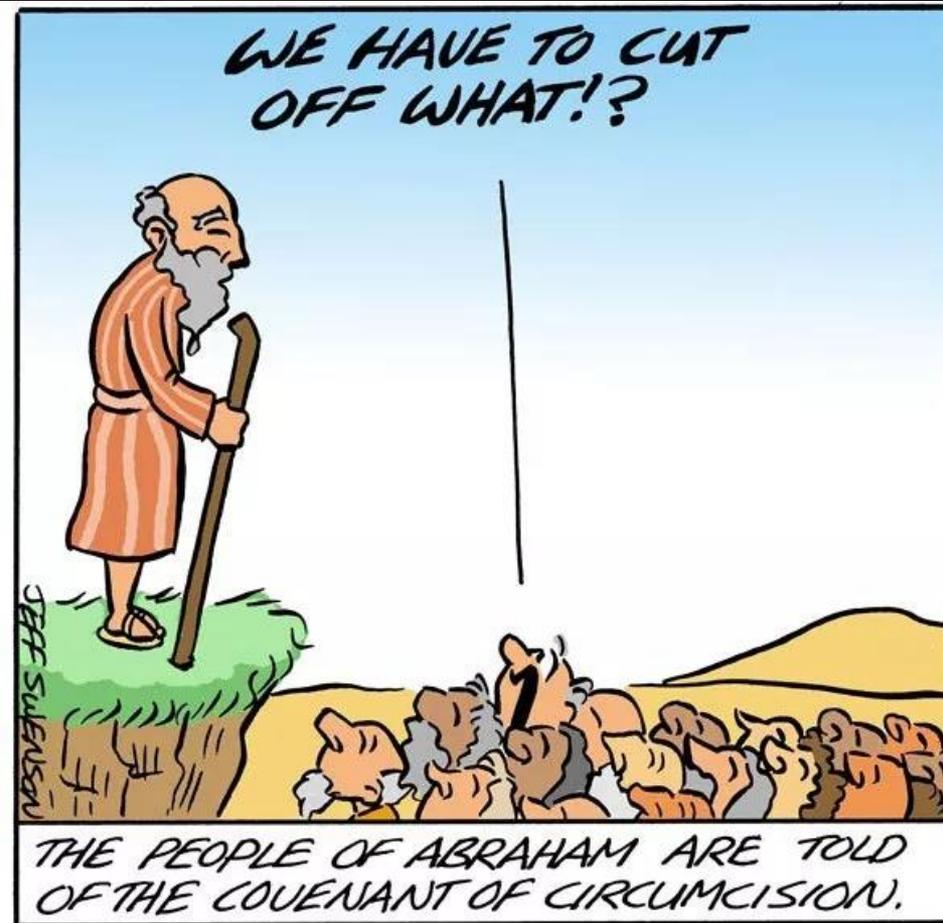


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Last week I spoke to you about “fake news” and here, this portion Lech Lecha continues on that same track. Let’s examine the simple text of the Torah for what it says, not by what others say it says! The Creator told Abram that he would be the father of many nations and that all those who bless him would be blessed and all those who curse him would be cursed, and that all the families of the earth would be blessed because of him. Although our sages say that this marks the beginning of the Chosen People of Israel, Abram is not only the father of Israel; he is also the spiritual father of over 3 billion people including 13 million Jews, 2.5 million Christians and 1.7 billion Moslems. The message here is that all the nations of the earth would be blessed by the seed of Abram.



The Creator made pacts with Abram and he becomes Abraham (Ber. 17:5) - 5 –No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. The first was that he would be the father of many nations and the second was the covenant of the brit milah –circumcision. This was a covenant between Him and the ones He chose. Not everyone responded to this call but refused to be circumcised. This was to be a special mark to separate His “chosen” people. Circumcision was already practiced among many nations at that time, but this would be a particular sign of obedience for those chosen and were committed to follow the Eternal of Israel. All those who travelled with Abram and who wanted to, were circumcised. Notice that Lot was not circumcised; he had already left for Sodom. The Torah says that those who were not circumcised would be “karet”– cut off from the people of Israel. This has nothing to do” with being saved or with being superior in any way.



You are not going to have the same function as those who are. You are separated from being a part of Israel. But Israel is who we are changing our status to. So it is a big consideration.



- CHANGE IS GOOD.
- YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT EASY.

Those of us who are “called” are to be servants, not to be served. Isaiah 41:8-9
But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, seed of Abraham who I love, whom I have taken to myself, from the remotest parts of the earth and summoned from countries far away, to whom I have said, ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you, I have not rejected you,’ We were called or chosen to make things better for the world. It is a position of **responsibility** not of honor. When the Creator calls us, we know that He has called us. Our lives change like Abraham’s did.

To those whom the Creator calls, He gives “vision” as He inspires us. Are you looking to be popular, to be rich, to have power or are you willing to be the best in whatever area He has placed you? When Abram left the land of idolaters and spread the news that there is only One Eternal, do you think that everyone dropped their gods and ran after him? He fought against all the odds. It is the same for us. We belong to a movement that is a minority because we choose not to follow people, but to follow the Creator. Most religions put words in the mouth of the Creator, however we need to be humble and willing to listen to what the Torah actually says and not what others tell us it says. We need to fight the environment in which family and friends do not allow us to grow or be different but when our hearts are right with the Creator, no one or nothing can stop us. We however, will go against the flow. Jeremiah said, “cursed be the man who trusts (follows) man and blessed be the man who trusts in (follows) the Creator”. I ask you...”Are you a dead fish or a live fish?”



12/20/2018 *When life gets you down you know what you gotta do?
Just keep swimming, just keep swimming.*

We have to do a reality check of where we are verses where we are supposed to be.

Are we ready to be taught about honor and shame? Individually and as a covenant family member? We have not been taught this- if you have any questions about this - just check out how people conduct themselves on Facebook and Twitter. We don't live in a society that is honor / shame based. Are we honoring Yahuah or bringing shame upon Him?





• *Don't just* •
MEET EXPECTATIONS
EXCEED
them.

What our Creator expects of us – Our Halacha and our Emuna

- Understanding Covenant – specifically “The Covenant”
- What to do, when, where and how to do it and who we are to do it with
 - Teshuva / Repentance

Find someone who has
already made the journey
and let them guide you.

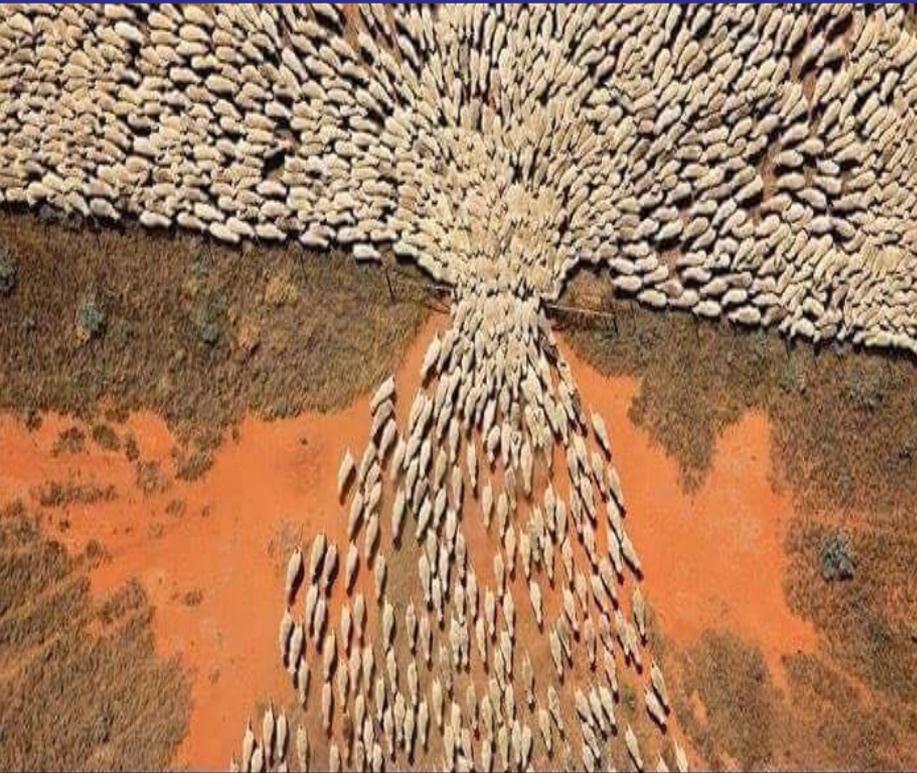


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Dealing with those on the journey with you and those not on the journey with you

- Dealing with those around us who are witnessing and/or impacted by our going through the journey
- Dealing with Family, Friends, co-workers
- Dealing with others who are also on the journey

Our journey does impact those around us. We either start doing things we never did before which make them wonder what is going on or we stop doing things we always did which can also make them very uncomfortable. We do live in a herd like mentality and changing your behavior from you particular group can cause quite a stir.



A herd of sheep is leaving the stall. There is no fence, only the gate ...

"The Trap of thinking"

Sounds like our life before Yahuah called us..

Q: What are some characteristics of sheep?

A:

Timid, fearful, easily panicked, gullible, easily influenced by leader (Shepard), vulnerable to mob psychology, runs from predators, nearly defenseless, easily killed, very little discernment in choosing food or water, eats poisonous plants and drinks dirty water.

The opposite for courage is not cowardice, it is conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow.

Jim Hightower

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Equally important is how do we treat the people on the same journey as we are on. We can be brutal with each other if we do not agree on calendar issues, pronunciation of the name, Paul, and Shabbat to name a few. We have to be really careful about this. It can be very hard because everyone thinks they are right and again are trying to change, not the riverbank but the river.

We need to learn to be open, listen, thoughtfully consider, discern and then once a matter is settled we either agree or agree to disagree and remain covenant family members. This is not the same as going along to get along. If you don't agree, then stand your ground. But debate the issue and not Debase the person to whom you have the disagreement. We can all be Zealous for Yahuah which means being compassionate towards our family members.

Participation - in the group and in each other's lives individually - what should that look like?

- Growth - are we growing, helping others to grow, allowing them the space to grow in a safe environment?
- Becoming reliable, dependable, consistent, filled with integrity, serving – In how we relate to Yah, the Community and each other

We need to be patient with each other. Most of us do not know how to deal with others while on this journey.

Christianity has taught people to say the magic phrase that makes you forever saved and then just attend services.

This journey demands (once you are on it) participation. There is a difference between attending and committing. Once we committed, again we have to be careful to not try and force people see things the way we are seeing them. We are building a community that will be living together forever. We must learn to get along now. That will bring Shalom. Yahusha will set everyone straight on where we are off track and then there will be no confusion. But for now we need to be more gentle with folks who are on this journey that we do not agree with 100%. We don't think anyone right now has it all worked out perfectly so lets remember that.



i can't finish all this
and sleep at the same time.



@AARON

This journey will have growing pains. Some folks will immerse themselves and binge study - reading all they can. Listening to studies - soaking it all in as thirsty dried out sponges. That creates fast growth and lots of pain. It's not wrong, it is what it is. Ripping the band-aid off and pouring on peroxide is painful but will lead to faster healing. But this also can create an overwhelming feeling and some may then give up and want to leave the journey. It is important to have someone to reach out to for support who is on the journey. All you need to do to fix this panic is to slow down.

Some find this exhilarating as well and are so ready to come to the light that there is no real panic because they can see sound reason and function that has been set before them by the Creator. They are not better or more set apart than anyone else, they just may not have as much baggage that is holding them back. It is all relative to the life you have led previously.



Very important as well, be gentle with yourself. Once you learn what is and is not pleasing to Yahuah we want to have it all fixed - YESTERDAY. We want to stop offending Him. But that is not possible until we do the work, the study, the testing, the walking it out. He wants us to make the EFFORT to become perfect. That is a completed process that we will never achieve until Yahusha comes back. Yahuah knows this. He is looking at our choices and decisions and our growth. We need to take a look at that as well. Some times we need to step back and see how far we have come and the peace it brought. Then pick up the plow and keep moving forward.

We are moving towards becoming reliable, dependable, consistent and filled with integrity. That has to be a goal of our change of status.

This is a big one for Shabbat. Are we in the same mindset of peace -shalom when Shabbat starts or are we bringing in the world and having that cloud our emotions on a day specifically designed to rest and separate from that and focus on Yahuah?

If we are still concerned with what the world is doing and being affected by it on Shabbat then we are not trusting Yahuah. Can we turn off social media in the non Yahuahn groups for one day? Can we refrain from reading the headlines for one day and be in Yahuah's kingdom and not shatan's for one day? It sounds easy enough but it is also an easy place to let our guard down. One tweet, one response, one post -what could it hurt?



It shows Yahuah we are not guarding the Shabbat with all our might, mind and heart and are not honoring Him. He becomes secondary at that moment. Shatan has distracted us away from Him. Is that being consistent, dependable, reliable and filled with integrity to the covenant we pledged to honor Yahuah with the sign of the Shabbat. It's a good test. If we can leave the world behind every Friday night at sundown, we should be consistently the same person every week and not on an emotional rollercoaster because of what the world is up to. This is the one day we were supposed to give all our cares to Him so we Can rest and be refreshed.



The importance of finding a guide to get you through this.

If anyone has ever seen the *Amazing Race* show, you observed that when the teams were in the countries that had a similar society as ours, cities, phones, food it was much easier to get to where they were intending to go. But when they had to go to the countries with completely different cultures and language it was not easy and it could be very easy to offend people because of a lack of knowledge regarding that culture. As we have seen in real life, offending a culture can lead to death. How long can we continue to offend Yahuah and still expect Him to give us eternal life? So we need to find out what offends Him.

The image shows the title card for the TV show 'The Amazing Race'. It features a glowing green globe in the center, with the words 'THE AMAZING RACE' written across it in a stylized, glowing green font. The background is dark with some light effects.

THE AMAZING
RACE

HEROES

AMAZING STORIES OF FAITH



Even though the Scriptures were meant for all people in all generations, we still have to look at the culture and language in which it was written to understand some things we scratch our heads over because our culture is completely different. One of those aspects is honor and shame which we talked about before. So we need to enlist those that can help us understand that culture and that language - not the English versions but to dig deeper into the Hebrew to get the truer sense of what is being said. This is a journey of effort. Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Yac'cob, Moshe, Yahusha, Daud, the 12 apostles, Yahusha the Son all had to make extreme efforts on their journeys. We have the same expectations put on us.

If you have had any Scriptural instruction in the Christian church you were taught through a Greek mindset, not a Hebrew mindset. They are completely different! Remember the Greeks were the enemies of the Hebrews! It is a completely different perspective.



That would be like having only Nazi Germany's take on what happened in WWII's being explained to people who never spoke German or English and expecting them to get the whole truth of the matter- the accurate viewpoint.



Most people on this journey do not speak Latin, Greek or Hebrew but have been taught through the watered down English translations what they think the Scriptures are saying. In reality it is a bad version of the game "Telephone" where one person whispers something to the person beside him and by the time it circles back around it is completely different - in our case each person speaks a different language. It has led to babble which is confusion. But we can overcome that with guidance from people who are ahead of us on the journey.



We have a lot of
Ground to cover on
this journey. We
have to remember we
are safe and where
we are going is well
worth the effort of
getting there.

TRUST IN THE DARK,

**THE DECISIONS
YOU MAKE IN THE LIGHT**

Yahuah still speaks.
Yahuah still heals.
Yahuah still comforts.
Yahuah still provides.
Yahuah still creates.
Yahuah still restores.
Yahuah still redeems.
Yahuah still manifests.
Yahuah is I Am.

Not "I Was"

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Our Statement of Trust in Yahuah

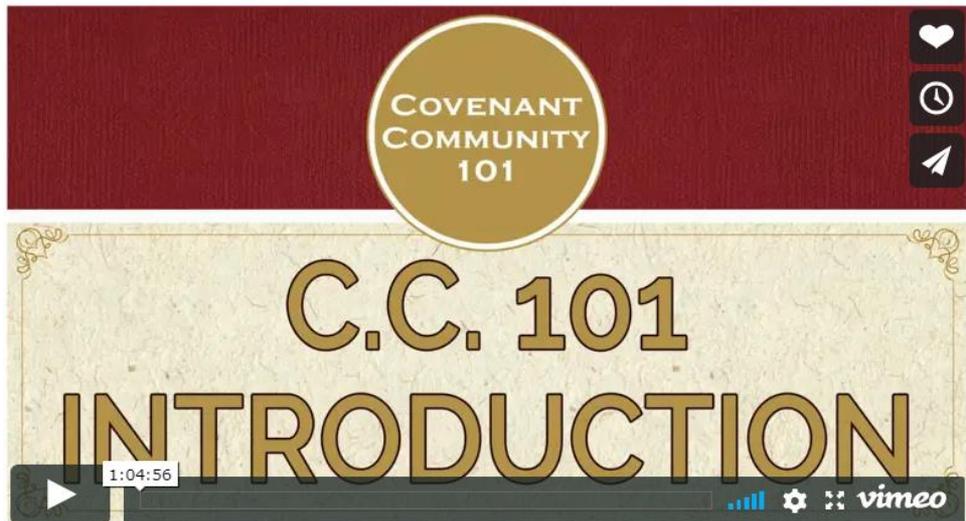
- 1. He alone is the sole creator of the universe and beyond and all that is in it.**
- 2. We will base our decisions upon Yahuah's code of wisdom and will consult Him in all our decisions.**

Resources



https://www.mtoi.org/teachings/making_decisions_the_reason_you_exist.shtml

https://www.mtoi.org/teachings/covenant_community_part_1.shtml



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