

# SPIRIT AND TRUTH: THE PATHWAY TO YHWH

## YHWH'S RIVER OF LIFE LEADING TO THE TREE OF LIFE

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*We're all in a giant spiritual struggle—both Christians and Jews—face it. As human beings we are incomplete without a relationship with our Creator. But how do we get there from here? That is the big question. How do we gain intimacy with our Heavenly Father? HaSatan, the adversary, is there waiting to steer us to the left or to the right to keep us off the path that leads to the Father—the path that Yeshua came to reveal. He started with Adam and Eve, he tried it with Yeshua, and the Book of Revelation says he'll try with the end time saints. Nothing has changed.*

*There are two opposing sides in this struggle. These two sides are constantly fighting each other religiously. Both sides are asking the same question: HOW DO WE GET TO YHWH? DO WE TAKE THE HEAD/LOGIC/RATIONAL APPROACH OR THE HEART/SPIRIT APPROACH? Each side is sure that it has the proper balance and the right take on this question and arrogantly opposes the other side. It occurs in Judaism: the head knowledge/scholarly approach vs. the mystic, esoteric, more heart and emotional approach. In Christianity it's the Baptists vs. the Charismatics. Which side is right? What does the Shema say? Love YHWH with **both** your head and your heart!! Let's examine this issue closely to see which side we tend toward. Are we veering to the left or to the right or perfectly balanced (without a judgmental spirit toward others) in the middle?*

**•Let's examine our spiritual walk.** Prophesied endtime apostasy and spiritual delusion to occur. What are the issue and lines of demarcation pertaining to this apostasy? Where does your spiritual walk fit in to it?

—2 Thes. 2—[3] **Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition... [7] For the mystery of iniquity** [i.e., anomia = Torahlessness] **doth already work...[8] And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming [9] Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders [10] And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth [ Torah], that they might be saved. [11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion** [Babylon, i.e., confusion, mixtrue of truth and error = delusion], **that they should believe a lie** [the Lie the Serpent pawned off on Eve at the Tree of Knowledge]...

—Mat. 7:21-24 [21] **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father [Torah] which is in heaven. [22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? [23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [anomia = torahlessness]. [24] Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock...**

—Jn. 4:23-24 **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

## **•What Is Truth?**

*The average man has no clue what truth is. He doesn't even know where to start to answer the question. If you say you know what it is most will either call you arrogant or crazy. But you better know what it is so that when satanic delusion and deception comes you'll have a basis from which to judge what is error! We better know, for our spiritual survival will depend on not only knowing it but on lining the actions of our lives up with it.*

—Yeshua is the way, the truth and the life (Jn. 14:16).

—Yeshua is the Word of YHWH made flesh (Jn. 1:14). He is the living embodiment of divine truth.

—The word of YHWH is truth (Jn. 17:17).

—Torah is truth: **Ps. 119:142, 151 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy Torah is the truth... Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.**

## **•Raw Torah Truth By Itself Is Not Sufficient. We Need the Ruach of YHWH, also.**

*So you say to me that you have the Ruach? Prove it to me! Do you have the dunamis power of the fruits and gifts operating in your life? (And the power is a lot more than loud volume during prayer and praise and worship! It's a lot more than babbling loudly in tongues so that everyone can hear you! It's not the hype, exhibitionism and emotionalism we see so vividly displayed in charismania. I personally have seen little genuine power in those places!*

**-2 Tim. 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.** Here we're talking about dead, dry religion—religious formalism. Head knowledge religion. This is as much a curse as hyper emotionalism and experienced-based expression.

**-Eph. 3:16, 20 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man... Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...**

*Remember, the letter (truth) by itself kills, but the spirit gives life (2 Cor. 3:6). We need both. The truth must be presented in love(Spirit) (Eph. 4:15). You can have all knowledge (truth) and speak in all tongues and be ultra-prophetic (Spirit), but if you don't have love it's a clanging gong and a tinkling cymbal—zilch, meaningless (1 Cor. 13).*

—Yeshua said that truth must be united with Ruach in Jn. 4.

—Eph. 1:13 unites truth (the Word, i.e., Yeshua) with the Ruach. **That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Messiah. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...**

## **•We Are Commanded to Walk In Truth.**

—**2 Jn. 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. (also 3 Jn. 1:4)** Walking is a process.

—If we have the Ruach HaKodesh in us then He will guide us into all truth (Guiding is a process). (**Jn. 17:17**)

## **•Let's go a little further in our understanding of spirit and truth.**

—**Prov. 29:18 Where there is no [prophetic, oracle, revelation] vision, the people perish [cast off restraint, become lawless or unbridled or loosened]: but he that keepeth [hedge about as with thorns, guard, protect] the Torah, happy is he.** There is a dynamic relationship between the Ruach's gift of Prophecy and Torah-truth. It's analogous to the difference between Logos and Rhema.

## **•This path is like a river: The River of YHWH.**

—A River has two parts: Banks and channel (Torah) and the water (Ruach HaKodesh). Discuss the analogy. License versus legalism.

**•There are two Camps within Judeo-Christian religious expression:**

Within Christianity you will have those on one extreme and those on the other: licence versus legalism. Christianity as a whole may be characterized as a camp tending toward license in that they have rejected by-in-large the truth of the Written Torah. Judaism has within it two camps as well: license (Reform Judaism) and legalism (the ultra-orthodox), but Judaism as a whole may be considered to be legalistic because they have rejected the Living Torah through whom the Ruach (rhema) came.

—**Isa. 8:14 And he [Emanuel See v. 8] shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.**

—**Men Crept In Unawares Into the Christian Church.**

**Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness], and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.** This has happened in the Christian church. Paul has been accused by Christian theologians of unloosening Torah and tossing it out. He was slanderously accused of the same thing in his day. He defended himself vehemently against these false accusations in two courts of law in the book of Acts.

**•The Path of YHWH Is a Wonderful Balance Between Spirit and Truth.**

The legalist can't comprehend this, neither can the licentious. Each thinks only he is right whether it be Christian versus Christian or Jew versus Jew or Christian versus Jew and v/v.

—**Discuss the Dual Nature of the Hebrew Letter *Beit* compared with the triple nature of the letter *Gimmel* which resolves the conflict between the two sides of *beit*.**

**•The Path of YHWH Is Straight.**

—**Mt. 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

—We are to go neither to the left nor to the right in our walk. License or legalism. We're not to overemphasize truth to the exclusion of the Spirit nor Spirit to the exclusion of truth.

**De 17:20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.**

**De 28:14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.**

**Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.**

**•The Serpent's Path.**

—To wander in our walk to the left and to the right is to follow a curvy, not a straight, path. To so wander is to follow the serpent's religious path, (the path of a snake in the sand) to vacillate between license and legalism. The serpent tries to get us hung up on one bank of the river or the other and keep us out of the channel where the waters run the deepest, swiftest and purest. Man is crooked of heart by nature, as is the serpent. We're often pulled

to one side or the other in a spiritual journey. Keeping our focus on Torah—both the Written and Living—will keep our path straight.

**Jer. 17:9** The heart is deceitful [crooked] above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Prov. 2:10-15** ¶ When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

**11** Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

**12** To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;

**13** Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

**14** Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

**15** Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:

### **•Endtime Revival of Spirit and Truth.**

*This revival will be neither Christian nor contemporary religious Judaism in nature. This is not the model that we are following. This is not YHWH's model to pattern his bride after. The first-century model (the early book of Acts model) is the one to follow. They were a perfect blend of spirit and truth. They kept Torah, but they spoke in tongues and prophesied and had miracles. The Charismatics don't have it right and neither do the Baptists. How could they? They don't understand Torah. We can learn from them, as well as from the Jews, but we must be discerning to separate the wheat from the chaff, the holy from the profane, the truth of Scripture from the traditions of men.*

—Moses characterizes the Torah-truth side and Elijah the Spirit-Prophetic side. The prophet of YHWH will come prior to the return of Messiah:

**Isa. 40:3-5** The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

—Mal. 4:3-4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

**5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:  
**6** And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

—Moses and Elijah represent Spirit and Truth. There are other ways to say this: The Two Witnesses; Grace/Mercy and Judgment; Heaven and Hell; Preach the Truth in Love (Eph. 4:15); the Words of Yeshua are Spirit and Life (Jn. 6:63); Mercy rejoices against Judgment (James 2:13); Power (Dunamis Spirit) and Authority (Truth) (Lk. 4:36; 9:1); the Table of Showbread (Truth) and the Golden Menorah (Spirit) across from each other in the Holy Place; Christian (Spirit) and Jew (Truth); Brit Chadasha (Spirit) and Tenach (Truth); Living Torah and Written Torah; Renewed Covenant and the Former (Sinaitic) Covenant; the Endtime Saints who have the faith/testimony of Yeshua (Spirit) and keep the Torah-commandments (Truth) (Rev. 12:17 and 14:12) **and then there is...**

### **•...The Torah Scroll and the Ladder In Jacob's Dream.**

—A ladder has two sides or poles. These represent Spirit and Truth. How do I know this? Yeshua said that he was that ladder that Jacob dreamed about: **John 1:51**—**And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**

—Yeshua is the Word of YHWH made flesh. He is the Written and Living Word combined. He is the way to the Father. No one comes to the Father except through Spirit and Truth. A Ladder is a picture of a Torah scroll with its two sides.

**Jacob's Ladder (Gen. 28:10-22) = a BIG, BIG, Picture of Many Things Pertaining to Messiah Yeshua and Spirit and Truth**

**Gen. 28:10** ¶ And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

**11 And he lighted upon a certain place [Mt. Moriah/the Temple Mount], and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones [the Two Stone Tablets, the Houses of Israel] of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.**

**12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder [staircase, sephirothic tree] set up on the earth [aretz = the Land of Israel], and the top [rosh = head, beginning, captain, chief, first, height, highest part] of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.**

**13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;**

**14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**

**15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.**

**16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.**

**17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

**18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone [Yeshua, the Houses of Israel united in Messiah: the Written and Living Torah's personified] he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.**

**19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.**

**20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,**

**21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:**

**22 And this stone [Yeshua, united Israel], which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.**

#### —Yeshua Messiah (A Ladder) As It Relates To Spirit and Truth As the Pathway to the Father:

##### **The Ladder = Yeshua:**

-(a) The congregation of the Saints is likened to a body—Rom. 12:4,5; 1 Cor. 10:17; 12:12, 20; Eph. 4: 12, 16)

-(b) The congregation of the Saints = the Body of Yeshua—1 Cor. 10:17

-(c) That Body = the Temple of the Ruach HaKodesh—1 Cor. 5:18; 12:12, 27; Eph. 5:30

-(d) Yeshua is the Head (Rosh) of that Body—Col. 1:18 (He is the head of the body, the church...); Eph. 5:23 (Messiah is the head of the church and he is the Savior of the body...)

-Gen. 28:12 This ladder or stairway to heaven and had one end planted/established in earth with its top/head (rosh) reaching to heaven. This is no less than a picture of Messiah, the YHWH-Man. My speculation? No! Yeshua himself said so: **Jn. 1:51 Verily, verily, I say to you, Here after you shall see heaven open, and the angels of El ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.** Therefore, this ladder = the Body of Messiah; a picture of the Cross (which suspended him between heaven and earth); it is a picture of Etz Chaim (the Tree of Life). Jewish sages say *sulam/ladder = a tree*. **Gal. 3:13 Yeshua hanged on a tree.**

-The ladder ascends, not descends. Yeshua ascended to heaven. He is the way by which man ascends to the Father.

— **Yeshua Messiah = Gate of Heaven** (Gen. 28:17)

Yeshua = the door of the sheep to the sheepfold (Jn. 10:7, 9)  
the door of salvation (Jn. 10:9)  
the door to life (Jn. 10:10)

Jn. 14:6 Yeshua is the way, the truth, the life and no man comes to the Father but by him (also Eph. 2:18)

—**Yeshua = the Stone at the base of the ladder** (Gen. 28:8)

Yeshua is the Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20)  
Head of the Corner (Mt. 21:42; 1 Pet. 2:7)  
A Stone of Stumbling (Isa. 8:14)  
A Foundation Stone (Isa. 8:16)  
The Foundation Stone of New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:14)  
He is the Rock in the wilderness that gave water to Israel (1 Cor. 10:4)

**That Rock - the Foundation which to build our spiritual house = TORAH = the Word of YHWH** (See Mt. 7:23-27); The Rock = the Written and Living Torah.

**That Rock was anointed by Jacob with oil** (Gen. 28:18)

Who was anointed in Scripture?  
-A king was anointed upon coronation  
-The High Priest was anointed (a picture of Yeshua)  
-The Pillar Rock of Our Salvation was anointed with the gifts and graces of the Ruach HaKodesh

**Similarly, those saints as members of the Body of Messiah** —grafted in to him—(the Spiritual olive tree) are part of the Spiritual temple of Messiah who is the Chief Cornerstone/foundation and WE ARE LIVING STONES AND ANOINTED.

—**1 Pet. 2:4-5, 9 You are living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood...**

—**Eph. 2:21-22 A building, fitly framed grows together unto a holy temple in YHWH in whom you are also builded together for a habitation of El through the Ruach.**

**LADDER = TORAH (SCROLL) = the WORD OF YHWH MADE FLESH=  
THE LIVING TORAH= YESHUA**

—Jewish sages say that Jacob's ladder = Torah (*Stone Chumash*, p. 145). A ladder looks like a Torah Scroll with three columns:

—**Torah = the pathway of righteousness leading to YHWH**, to his heavenly kingdom and eternal rewards. **Mt. 19:16** says to enter into eternal life keep Torah!

—**The Rabbis say that the ladder/Torah is a bridge from heaven to earth.** So is Yeshua, the Living Torah, the Word of YHWH made flesh, the Way to the Father, the Way of Salvation, the Source of Eternal Life, the One who redeems man and reconciles him to the Father through His Body. His head is in heaven and his feet are planted like a tree of life on earth.

—**We must “climb” His Body like the angels...**(Jn. 1:51)

—After Jacob has the dream, YHWH renews the Covenant Promises with Jacob regarding Israel (Gen. 28:13-15)

—The Seed of Israel would = the dust of earth (i.e., pulverized earth, stones) speaking of the degradation Israel would experience being restored to its rightful inheritance (in the Land of Israel) and salvation during the Messianic Age (Millennial Age) (according to *Stone Chumash*, pp. 146-147).

**•This is part of the end time restoration of all things (Acts 3:21) that is occurring in the Messianic movement of which you are a part if you are living out Torah in Spirit and Truth—the Living and the Written Torah.** Right now the two sides of the Ladder/Torah Scroll are separated. Truth is on one side and Spirit is on the other. The Yeshua, the Yah-Man in whom Spirit and Truth merge is bringing the two sides together in himself. The two sides have been alienated from each other and they will be reunited. Paul states it like this:

**11 ¶ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;**

**12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**

**13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

**14 ¶ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**

**15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;**

**16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**

**17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.**

**18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

**19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

**20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

**22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

—Can't you see here the two houses of Israel reuniting—the Northern and Southern? The Messianic “Christians” are returning to the Written Torah and their Hebrew Roots and soon the Jews will look upon the Living Torah—the one they pierced—and will receive Him as their Messiah. This will happen at the return of Messiah. ONE NEW MAN IN MESSIAH—NEITHER GREEK NOR JEW!

*Spirit and Truth united in Messiah and us united with him he will lead us through the 1000 years of the Millennium right into Olam Haba—into the Father's eternal heavenly kingdom which the last two chapters of the Book of Revelation call New Heaven and New Earth or New Jerusalem. A glorious journey. Stay on the path of Spirit and Truth and go neither to the left nor to the right and you will be there!*