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A people
for His Name



Blessed is He that cometh in THE NAME of Yahweh

(Matt 23:39)

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We believe...

- ☑ In the tri-unity of the one true and living God, Yahweh, who reveals Himself in the persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, distinguishable but indivisible.
- ☑ That the Scriptures as they were written in their original languages were the proceeding word of Yahweh, therefore they are infallible and an all-sufficient rule of faith and conduct (2 Tim. 3:16).
- ☑ In the deity of Yahshua, the Messiah. His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death, bodily resurrection and heavenly ascension and in His coming again.
- ☑ That the personal name of the god of Israel, our Heavenly Father, is Yahweh and the name of His Son, our Saviour, is Yahshua.
- ☑ That all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh; that the wages of sin is death; that unless a person repents and forsakes sin he/she shall likewise perish (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Luke 13:3).
- ☑ That Yahweh is not willing that any should perish, so He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).
- ☑ That after repentance one must be immersed in water, in the name of Yahshua, for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).
- ☑ That believers are enjoined to receive the promise of the Father which is the baptism into the Holy Spirit (Act 2:38-39).
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- ☑ In sanctification and holiness, "without which no one will see Yahweh" (Heb 12:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)
- ☑ That the Ten Commandments are Yahweh's standard of holiness for all people everywhere in every generation. This includes the fourth commandment regarding the keeping of the 7th-day Sabbath.
- ☑ That the Feast days of Leviticus 23 are of perpetual duration, to be observed and enjoyed by The Congregation today.
- ☑ That the Church of the New Covenant dispensation has not replaced Israel, but that together they are a part of Yahweh's great plan and purpose, comprising The Body of the Messiah.
- ☑ That the Church is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua the Messiah Himself being the Chief Corner Stone. (Eph. 2:20)
- ☑ In the ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, elders, deacons, helps and governments which are found in the New Covenant Scriptures (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-13).
- ☑ That the Good News about Yahshua shall be proclaimed to all people, so that all nations may be confronted with the truth (Mark 16:15,16; Matt. 24:14).
- ☑ In the restoring of the land of Israel to its former glory and productivity; in the regathering of the 12 Tribes of Israel to their inheritance; that all this will take place in the Last Days (Jer. 3:18; Luke 21:24).

The Congregation of Yahweh does not claim to have all the truth. We believe that Yahweh is an Elohim of on-going revelation; our hearts are open to receive what He reveals through Scripture and, therefore, we are open to change.

Editorial

We the publishers of Ha'Shem are coming into contact with more and more believers who are keen to move on into a greater understanding of "The Faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."

Jude urges us to contend for that faith. This implies that doing so can be something of a battle, not least against our own ideas and religious misconceptions. There is always so much more to explore and discover as we study the Word with the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

The overall theme of our articles in this issue is 'A People for His Name.' Born again believers who use the Holy Names are not an exclusive club, but we have found an added richness in worship when we use the original Hebrew names for Yahweh, the heavenly Father and Yahshua, His Son. Yahweh is calling all His people to walk in a manner worthy of the privilege of being called one of His sons or daughters. Only through Yahshua can we do this. Yahweh is restoring truth to His Church and we are excited to be a part of a great revival of the Word.

I trust that you are challenged by the articles in this issue .

Yours in the Messiah



Richard Willetts



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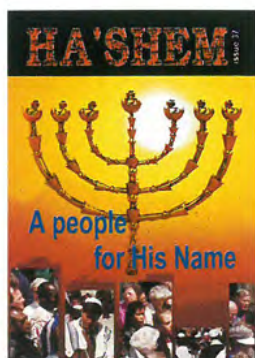
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FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME

by Richard Willetts

In the Scriptures a person's name is of great significance. The original Hebrew meaning of the name is often indicative of a person's personality. Jacob for example means 'struggler' or 'usurper', and this was very representative of his early life as he vied for the blessing that belonged to his brother. It is not surprising then

that the original Hebrew for the word translated 'name' in our English bibles is Shem, which carries a broader meaning of 'renown' or 'reputation.'

When the children of men sought to build a tower whose top reached into heaven it was for the express purpose of making a name (*shem*) for themselves (Gen 11.4). What they

sought to do in effect was to become great and famous.

Certain companies have been successful in building a great name for themselves by reason of the superiority or originality of their product. Take, for example, the British company Rolls Royce. This name has been associated over many years with the ultimate in

motor vehicle engineering and comfort, for a high price, of course. A company with such a reputation cannot afford to allow itself to be the victim of poor workmanship or customer dissatisfaction. For a Rolls Royce to break down would be unthinkable. With the name comes a considerable reputation.

The reputation that may go with a family name is very important for some. In some Mediterranean cultures a belief known as *machismo* predominates, in which it is incumbent upon a man to behave in a certain way, to be responsible for defending his family's honour, and to conduct himself with dignity.

The Almighty creator of heaven and earth also has a reputation and name, which He seeks to maintain. The Ten Commandments are, amongst other things, an expression of the very character of the Almighty. The third commandment states:

"You shall not misuse the name of [Yahweh] your [Elohim] for [Yahweh] will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name" (Ex 20:7).

Before Yahweh delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt He chose first to reveal His holy name YHWH to them (Ex 3:13-14). He then proceeded, through a series of miraculous signs and wonders, to make known the glory of His own name and to win the hearts of His chosen people (Ex 6:7). In bringing them to Sinai, He chose to make a covenant with them, promising to be their Elohim and to dwell amongst them. They in turn promised to forsake sin and become His, a people destined to bear and bring reverence to His holy name. But the path of true love did not run smoothly. Instead of bringing glory and honour, Israel soon began to bring shame upon His name through their sin and worship of foreign gods. Yahweh's response to this was ultimately to expel them from the Promised Land and lead them into captivity. As a result of this rumours were heard amongst the nations:

"These are [Yahweh's] people and yet they had to leave his land" (Ezek 36:20).

This prompted an urgent response

from the Almighty.

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign [Yahweh] says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am [Yahweh], declares the Sovereign [Yahweh], when I show myself holy through you before their eyes. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you

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a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your [Elohim]. I will save you from all your uncleanness..." (Ezek 36:22-29a).

These are indeed wonderful and great promises but I am interested in the motivation behind them. I see in this passage that Yahweh was motivated not only by love for His people, but He was also under a personal compulsion to preserve and maintain the honour of His great name. Yahweh goes beyond giving His people their just deserts for their sins, to showing them His mercy and His power to save. His purpose is to demonstrate to all the nations the glory of His own name through the creation

of a people who have been purified and made holy, a people worthy to bear His name. This is the plan of Yahweh for His people. I believe that this is why Jewish people have been brought back to Eretz Israel, the land promised to Abraham in preparation for the return of their Messiah. I also believe that this plan to bring glory to His name is one that encompasses all believers in Yahshua, both Israelite and Gentile.

Many times Yahweh accused Israel of profaning His name. There is much that we can learn today from the mistakes made by Israel where this sin is concerned.

HOW ISRAEL PROFANED HIS NAME

The first point to make about profaning the name is that you cannot profane a name that does not belong to you. I can only bring shame to my own family because it is the family to which I belong. The only people who could profane Yahweh's name was the people to whom He had given His name. Notice how Yahweh said to Israel *"My name is profaned among the nations because of YOU"* (capitals mine).

Misusing or profaning the name of Yahweh is a specific sin that is committed under quite specific circumstances. Under the Old Covenant, Israel was accused of profaning the name of Yahweh by mixing the holy with the pagan in their worship; they profaned Yahweh's name by sacrificing children to the god Molech (Lev18:21) and by priests cutting themselves in the style of pagan worship. (Lev 21:5; I Kings 18:26-28). Failure on the part of the priests to distinguish between the holy and the common in the temple worship also meant that the name of Yahweh was profaned amongst them. Hophni and Phineas, the errant sons of Eli, were priests in the house of Yahweh at Shiloh, yet they stole portions of the sacrifices for themselves, and slept with the women who served at the door of the tent of meeting. The immoral acts of Eli's sons are reminiscent of the religious prostitution (fertility rites) at

the Canaanite sanctuaries - acts that were an abomination to Yahweh and a desecration of His house. What made these actions so particularly abhorrent was that they were done under the auspices of service to Yahweh.

Malachi gives a graphic account of the priests who placed defiled food or blemished sacrifices on His altar and treated the offerings of Yahweh with contempt (Mal 1:6-14).

"It is you oh priests who despise my name."

This concept of 'any old thing will do' showed a lack of respect for Yahweh and directly contravened the laws that He had laid down with regard to mandatory and voluntary sacrifices.

We further read of Nadab and Abihu who chose to go against the order of the tabernacle worship that Yahweh had shown them and burn unauthorised fire before Him. Fire came out from the presence of Yahweh and consumed them (Lev10:1-2). Yahweh had to respond in order to protect His own honour.

"Among those who approach me I will show myself holy; in the sight of the people I will be honoured" (Lev 10:3).

We are left wondering what was the motivation behind their actions. Perhaps they had inflated opinions of themselves and, seeing the spectacular results of Moses and Aaron's ministries in Leviticus 9:22-24, they wanted a share of it. Whatever their reasons, their actions were seen by Yahweh as profane and a violation of holy things. Such a severe response early on in the dispensation of the law served, no doubt, to promote a healthy respect for the holiness of Yahweh.

Later when the temple was constructed in Jerusalem and when people made vows in the temple of Yahweh they were expected to fulfil them. Going back on a promise made before Yahweh in the house that bore His name, would mean that the name of Yahweh was profaned amongst them (Jer 34:15-16).

In later years, before the coming of Messiah, the fear of misusing the name of Yahweh and thus breaking



one of the Ten Commandments, became such a pre-occupation among Israelite worshippers that it was taught that the holy name 'Yahweh' was too holy even to use in regular worship. It was removed from the everyday language of the people and from written copies of the Scriptures. Although an apparent act of reverence for Israel, this teaching caused something to be lost in their worship. Many times we read in the Scriptures of those who called on the name of Yahweh without fear of recrimination (Deut 18:5; I Sam 17:45; I Kings 18:24). Indeed there is much in the Scriptures encouraging us to do so (Is 12:4; Joel 2:32). When Yahshua came He encouraged us, in our prayer life, to honour and give praise to the holiness of His Father's name.

"This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, *hallowed* be your name..." (Matt 6:9).

HOW CAN WE PROFANE HIS NAME?

Many of these issues seem somewhat removed from our service to Yahweh today. The underlying lessons, however, offer us some principles by which to measure the acceptability of our own worship before Yahweh. The error of profaning His name is not one that is confined only to believers who use His original Hebrew name in their worship. We are dealing here with a principle that should be applied to all true believers in Yahshua.

In the Acts of the apostles, we read of a couple, Ananias and Sapphira, who thought that they could dupe the

apostles into believing that they were giving all, financially, when in fact they secretly held back a proportion of their income from the sale of some property. The sin that they committed and received judgement for was not so much their failure to give all, since they were free to do what they would with the money, but rather their duplicity and lack of respect for Yahweh in pretending to be something that they were not. They effectively mixed the holy with the common and profaned the name of Yahweh through lying to the Holy Spirit. There is a serious lesson for us here. When we purport to bring Yahweh an offering of worship of any kind, be it a song, a prophecy, or a word of instruction, let us do so without hypocrisy or a desire to be seen and praised by men, but with integrity and honesty of heart motivated only by a desire to bring glory to Yahweh.

Paul warns us not to eat from the table of Yahweh and the table of demons. The mixing of witchcraft or any kind of cult religious practice, such as ancestor worship or freemasonry, with our worship of Yahweh is an abomination to Him. This type of worship profanes His name. Paul also warns us of the dangers of taking the bread and wine in an unworthy manner. A man should examine himself as to whether he is truly in the faith before committing himself to the partaking of this sacrament. To take the bread and wine in an unworthy manner i.e. with known, unconfessed sin in our heart, makes us guilty of sinning against the body and blood of Yahshua (I Cor 11:28). The 'unworthy manner' of the Corinthian church to which Paul was referring was the irreverence and self-centredness that was prevalent in their love feasts; there were cliques and factions amongst them.

"That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep" (I Cor 11:30).

When we bring an offering to Yahweh, Yahshua warned us to be first reconciled with our brother if he has anything in his heart against us (Matt 5:23). For us to participate in a Church

service in any way with bitterness in our hearts against our brother is to make an offering not acceptable to Yahweh; we profane His name by bringing such an offering.

Some people, like some of the Pharisees of Yahshua's day, perform religious acts just to be seen and praised by men. Such worship does not bring glory to Yahweh's name. The

key to ensuring that our worship is acceptable to Yahweh can be summed up in one word - RESPECT; respect for Yahweh and respect for His people.

BRINGING GLORY TO HIS NAME

So far we have dealt with the rather negative subject of profanity. Let us not forget that whilst we need to be sure that we do not dishonour His name, there are many ways in which all parts of the created world, including ourselves, can and do bring honour to it. Let us consider a few of these:

- 1 The heavens and the earth, as the sum of all creation, show forth the glory of Yahweh every day (Ps 19:1). The sun, moon and stars are wonderful examples of His handiwork and are a reflection of His awesome greatness and power (Ps 148:3). Men and women throughout the ages have turned their backs on the true worship of the Almighty, preferring instead to worship things created like the sun and moon, idols of wood and stone; even other people. Paul tells us that Yahweh's two invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - are clearly seen from the things that Yahweh has made (Rom 1:20). It was never His intention that anything created should be worshipped. The beauty and wonder of the created world and the infinity of space should rather fill us with a desire to worship the One who put them there.
- 2 Angels are created heavenly beings that live in the presence of Yahweh and are constantly praising and giving glory to Him (Ps 148:2).
- 3 Yahweh has brought glory to His own name through His people Israel. When He saved them from Egypt with mighty signs and wonders the nations of the world stood in awe of His power.
- 4 His arm of mercy has not been confined to the children of Israel; through Abraham's offspring, blessings have flowed to the gentiles. Naaman the captain of the armies of Assyria gave glory to Yahweh when he was healed of leprosy. He vowed never to offer sacrifices and offerings to any other god but Yahweh (2 Kings 5:17). Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the greatest earthly empire the world has ever seen, had to acknowledge the greatness of Yahweh. "How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation" (Daniel 4:3).
- 5 Under the New Covenant era, the first stage of bringing glory to the Father is to realise that any acts of righteousness undertaken through our own ability are not offerings that Yahweh accepts (Rom 3:20,23). The righteousness of the law can only be achieved in us by our taking the initial step of believing in the Son (Rom 3:21-22). When we turn from sin and trust in the saving power of Yahshua on the cross, we are made clean from sin and as such become reflections of His love and mercy. Only through Yahshua therefore can our lives begin to bring glory to Him.
- 6 When we offer ourselves to His service we become instruments of honour in His house (Rom 15:17). Yahshua brought glory to the Father by being obedient to Him in all aspects of His life, including death on the cross. John permits us an insight into Yahshua's private thoughts at the time shortly before His crucifixion. "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, **glorify your name**" (Jn 12:28). Yahshua made the decision to face dreadful suffering for the sake of our salvation and to bring glory to His own Father and salvation to the world. Yahweh's response to Yahshua's commitment was both dramatic and revelatory: "Then a voice came from heaven, I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." We need to arm ourselves with the same mentality as Yahshua. From time to time we may have to pay a price in order to serve Yahweh, enduring hardship at different times; let us do so willingly and for the joy set before us.
- 7 We can sing the praises of His name and tell others of the wonderful things that He has done for us. This causes others to see, hear and understand the great love of Yahweh. The proclaiming of the gospel brings glory to the name of Yahweh as people's lives are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 8 Signs and wonders (Mark 16:17-18) serve to bring glory to the Father's name (John 2:11). Let us be diligent to stir up the gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Cor 12:7-10), especially those like prophecy which serve to edify the Church (I Cor 14:1-3).

Finally let us conclude with the words of the psalmist: "Praise [Yahweh], oh my soul and all that is within me **bless his holy name!**" (emphasis mine). This is the type of praise that Yahweh loves - that which emanates from the hearts of people who are sold out for Him and His purposes in our world. ☞

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PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS

adapted by Richard Willetts

If you were to try to describe the character of Yahweh, where would you begin? What a daunting prospect! In doing justice to such a task, our only recourse would have to be His own words, the Scriptures. From Genesis through to Revelation, we see the Almighty revealing His great love and power to and through the people of His choice. Of all that we may learn of Yahweh from both Old and New Testament, perhaps the most significant lesson that we can draw above all others is that Yahweh is *holy*. It was of this attribute that the ancients seemed most aware. It engendered in them a reverent fear that is sometimes lacking in the expression of believers today. This was the cry of the seraphim who sought to shield themselves from His glory in the face of a trembling Isaiah: "Holy, holy holy is [Yahweh] Almighty" (Is 6:3).

When confronted with the awesome holiness of Yahweh, the prophet Isaiah became acutely aware of his own inadequacy and

sinfulness: "Woe to me... I am ruined for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, [Yahweh] Almighty" (Is 6:5).

Yes, Yahweh is indeed holy, yet His response to Isaiah's cry is astonishing. He caused one of the seraphim to take coal from the altar and purge the sin from Isaiah's lips. A holiness preacher once pronounced '*holiness begins with a vision of self disgust*'. This was surely true in this conversion that Isaiah experienced.

Not only does this account teach us about the holiness of Yahweh but it also reveals to us something of Yahweh's plans and purposes for His people. When Yahweh chose Israel to be a people for His Name, He had great plans for them. He is an Elohim of purpose. After miraculously delivering them from Egypt, He brought them to Sinai and began to reveal something of that plan. "...be holy; for I am holy" (Lev 11:44).

This command is not one that is

confined to the Old Testament, for Peter affirms its continued relevance in his first epistle (1 Pet 1:16).

In Eph 1:4-5, we further read: 'For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through [Yahshua the Messiah], in accordance with his pleasure and will.'

The inference is clear from both these scriptures; Yahweh has an agenda for His people - we are called to be partakers of His holiness. If this is His purpose for His Church then this must surely be the goal for those who come to Yahshua. This is certainly not a popular ideal in today's society. Many would consider being holy as an irrelevant quest and goal far too difficult to attain. It is far simpler and less strenuous to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Heb 11:25). Many have sought to attain holiness through their own endeavours. The law of Moses itself contains 613 rules and laws. Some believe that the observing of all these

rules will serve to make us holy and grant us access to Yahweh's kingdom. Such a teaching is gaining quite a following throughout the world. This teaching however is at variance with the teaching of Yahshua and the apostles. The writer of Hebrews declared that 'the law made nothing perfect' (Heb 7:19).

In short, we cannot create our own holiness or make ourselves holy, we can only become a partaker of His holiness. (Remember that it was the coal from Yahweh's altar that purged Isaiah of his sin, not his lifetime observance of the law of Moses.)

Romans 8:29-30 states: "For those [Yahweh] foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified."

This passage shows us two very important aspects of holiness. Firstly it defines what holiness is: To be holy is to be conformed to the image of His Son. This is the goal for which we, as believers and followers of Yahshua, are striving. Secondly it outlines the sequence of events or steps that allows Yahweh to carry out that purpose.

THE IMAGE OF YAHSHUA

Let us look at some scriptures that convey to us the wonder of Yahshua and His holiness. He is "...the radiance of [Yahweh's] glory and the exact representation of His being" (Heb 1:3). If you want to know what Yahweh is like just look at the Son - truly a chip off the old block! "...the image [copy or likeness] of the invisible [Elohim...]"

...at one with the Father, to the extent that to see Yahshua is to see the Father (John 14:9; John 17:22). Yahshua was further declared to be Emmanuel, meaning 'Yahweh with us'. Because He came in His Father's name He thus bore the nature and characteristics of the Father.

From this we can see that holiness is what Yahshua is. **To be conformed to His image, we must share in what He is.**

STEPS TOWARDS THAT IMAGE

Through the passage in Romans 8:28-30, we can identify four steps or stages that one must experience or attain to in order to reach our goal of being like Yahshua. Let us look at each one in turn, starting with the end result and finishing with the first stage.

Those He Justified, these He also glorified

This is the ultimate arrival. It implies that at the end of this Yahweh-ordained process we will come to a state of glorification. This experience ensures that we will attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Messiah (Eph 4:13) - job done! Oh, halleluYah! What a prospect, what a glorious future awaits us! How might this experience of

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glorification be described? A simple answer must be that it cannot. As Paul said: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what [Yahweh] has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor 2:9)

How many of us can say that we have attained to the whole measure of Messiah? I suspect not one of us. John confirmed this when he said: "Dear friends, now we are children of [Yahweh], and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

This level of glorification will only reach its fulfillment when we take up full citizenship in heaven and our lowly bodies are transformed to be like His glorious body (Phil 3:20-21). In this walk of faith the best is always yet to be. We face the prospect of a future glorious.

Those He called He also justified

To be justified is to be declared righteous. It involves pardon from the guilt and penalty of sin, having a right standing with Yahweh and coming into His kingdom. It is, in essence, a verdict rather than a personal achievement; we are declared righteous by Yahweh. This is what occurs the moment that we first believe in Yahshua and repent from our sin - what Christians commonly refer to as being 'saved'. Justification has both a positive and a negative side. On the negative, we are declared not guilty. Yahweh has not reckoned our sins against us, because Yahshua has paid the penalty for sin, dying in our place, the Just for the unjust. Through this wondrous effect we are saved from wrath and a lost eternity. Now we have an eternal hope that will never spoil or fade. One preacher amusingly equated it to

fire insurance - we will not perish, for we have received the gift of everlasting life. This is wonderful enough, but the truth of justification goes deeper than that. Its positive work is one whereby righteousness is credited to us; we are set free from the power of sin and its rule in our life as well as being forgiven for past sin.

Salvation at work in a person's life is more than a one-off event. We have already stated that we as believers have been called for a purpose - we are called to be like the One who has redeemed us; to be transformed to the image of Yahshua. Being justified, for us, is a beginning of the process of change and re-alignment of our will. In the act of justification we see how we can be conformed to the image of Yahshua; first through forgiveness and second through the cleansing power of the blood of Yahshua. This is surely what John Wesley alluded to in one of his hymns when he wrote:

*'Let the water and the blood
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure.
Save from wrath and make me pure!'*

We see here once again that it is not we who make ourselves holy, but

it is a sovereign act of Yahweh in us. Paul specifically refers to the life of Abraham as evidence of this kind of righteousness:

"Abraham believed [Yahweh] and it was credited to him as righteousness" (Gen 15:6, Rom 4:3).

The inference in this verse is a key to an understanding of how we become partakers of His holiness - it can *only* be achieved by faith. This was what the ancients were commended for - not their great deeds or efforts, but their faith and confidence in Yahweh which expressed itself in obedience and great endurance. Throughout his earthly pilgrimage Abraham was challenged to believe in the promises of Yahweh even when it seemed that they would never be. Yahweh's promise to him of a son was realised only when on a natural level both he and his wife were far past the age of bearing children. Yet before all these events came to be, Abraham simply believed.

His simple faith caused Yahweh to credit or impute His own righteousness to Abraham. There was no requirement on Abraham's part to make any sacrifices; to perform any special services, nor to keep any special rules. This righteousness that Abraham received meant that in the eyes of Yahweh he was in a state of perfectly conforming to Yahweh's perfect law and character. Thus when Yahweh looked upon Abraham He saw something of Himself; He was glad to consider Abraham His friend (2 Chronicles 20:7) - an expression denoting one who is very close.

We, too, can be partakers of this righteousness when we have faith in

Yahshua, Yahweh's Son. Because our sin was first credited to Yahshua's account when He died on the cross we can have Yahweh's righteousness credited to our account.

The ongoing work of righteousness

Holiness is Yahweh's righteousness being expressed. It is an inner condition that works itself out in our conduct, attitude, motives and relationships. If we are to take Paul's words as truth: "Abraham believed [Yahweh] and it was credited to him as righteousness" then it follows that

...the ancients were commended for ...their faith and confidence in Yahweh which expressed itself in obedience and endurance.

as Abraham continued to believe throughout the years and circumstances of his life, righteousness continued to be added to his account. It follows also that it continues to be credited to *us* subsequent to our initial encounter with Yahshua and experience of justification. Righteousness increases within us as we express faith towards Yahshua in all the experiences that He takes us through. The righteousness that is subsequently credited to us effects an on-going change. This on-going work of righteousness had its

beginnings in eternity:

"He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" (Eph 1:4).

We see from this verse that our righteousness must first be seen by Yahweh, before ever it is seen by men. Yahweh saw us in eternity and at an appropriate time in our lives, He called us to Himself. What a mind-blowing concept this is. The key to this righteousness becoming our experience is through faith. As Paul points out faith comes by hearing the word (Rom 10:17). So it was that Yahweh caused us to *hear* the message of the gospel in order that at the pre-ordained time and the pre-ordained place we might respond to that precious message and so be saved.

Whilst the world continues to witness a decline in moral standards, the expectation of Yahweh with regard to His people is not altered by this trend. He continues to demand the likeness of His Son in those who bear His name. He both requires and supplies the means through which to produce a holy people.

The message of Yahshua and His righteousness must continue to be preached, taught and upheld so that people's faith can reach out to Yahweh. Some mistake adherence to church rules as evidence of holiness. Paul pointed out that whilst such rules as "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!" have an appearance of wisdom, they lack the power to really change us or restrain sensual indulgence (Col 2:21-23). The real power is only released when we have faith in Yahshua. This faith must continue to work, causing Yahweh's righteousness to be credited to us. As we yield to Yahweh in this process and trust Him in all the experiences of life which He leads us through, we have the firm assurance not only of justification here and now but the prospect of glorification in the age to come. Let us trust Yahweh to be faithful to complete the work that He has begun in our lives right up to the day of Yahshua's return (Phil 1:6).

He that calls us is faithful, and He will do it! ☞

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The 'Legalism' Trap

Mark Vlad, a senior pastor from Illinois, USA shares with us some of the pitfalls that some over-zealous users of the Holy Names have fallen into.

Many believers today are beginning to re-discover the Hebraic roots of their faith. Part of that restoration for some has been the re-introduction of the original Hebrew names for God and Jesus (Yahweh and Yahshua) into their worship. As people come to the revelation of His name and the name of His Son they are often confronted with a new message, one with which they should not have to contend. Among the Sacred Name believers that it has been our experience to meet, most (though not all) have lost sight of the full gospel of Yahshua. When the revelation becomes more important than the Revealer and when the Holy Spirit is not allowed to move freely then we must take another look and see what has gone wrong. When a group of people become dogmatic and legalistic they have lost a very key element of salvation - grace. That word seems to bring out the worst in many a legalist. But our own works of righteousness can never save us, or else the apostle Paul's credentials (Phil 3:5-6) would have sufficed. Legalism can be defined not so much as having a set of rules to guide us but more accurately as the absence of grace.

What a tremendous privilege to be among those who are bearers of the Names. It is a great thing to bear with understanding the name of the Eternal, Yahweh and our Sovereign, Yahshua. It is understood by many that the names of individuals throughout the Scriptures were given to tell something about the character of that person. Yet a great problem has arisen among movements of those embracing the revelation of the sacred Names who do not have the sacred Spirit to enlighten their

use. Matt 27:50 tells us that when Yahshua had cried out with a loud voice He gave up the spirit. Immediately following this we read that the veil of the temple was torn in two. This was not just a physical act that took place, but is symbolic of all that separates, and makes a way for all to approach the throne of grace. We cannot be justified by the works of the Law and if we seek to be so then we have fallen from grace (Gal 5:4).

We are struggling with the same spirit that the early church had to contend with and that is the notion that one must, in essence, keep the Law of Moses and use the names of Yahweh and Yahshua in order to be saved. The apostles responded to this argument with one of their own. It is to be found in their letter to the Gentile churches in Acts 15. What is revealed by the apostle Paul's conversion, in spite of his flawless keeping of the Law (Phil 3: 5-6), is that truth without a personal and living relationship with Yahshua is only half a truth. It was our Saviour who said: "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

It is possible to stand for a truth and not be inflexible, judgmental or dogmatic. When we remember that it was only by His grace that we received any revelation at all, it would only be right to grant to others that same privilege. We may be only the seed-planter, or perhaps the one who waters, by sharing some nugget of the truth; the revelation may not come until a later time. It is man's arrogance that brings about inflexibility and legalism. To presume that Yahweh "needs" our assistance in bringing truths that He has been revealing to mankind since time began is the epitome of arrogance. I have seen



first hand the fruit that being dogmatic and legalistic bears and it is not the kind of fruit from which anyone would wish to eat. It brings contention, division and a testimony among people that is contrary to John 14. It fails to show the world that Yahweh has sent His Son because users of His name are not acting like true disciples. May we pray for those caught up in legalism, dogmatism and inflexibility. May we guard our hearts and maintain a personal, living relationship with Yahshua, which is the only way to keep ourselves from falling from grace. Wherever we take the message of salvation may it be accompanied with grace and faith. 🕊



"NO COMPROMISE"

Life story of **Keith Green** - Co-founder of The Last Days Ministries **Part 1**

adapted by **Faith Hewitt**

from the best selling book "**No Compromise. The Life Story of Keith Green**" by Melody Green and David Hazard



"I repent of ever having recorded one single song, and ever having performed one concert, if my music, and more importantly, my life has not provoked you into Godly jealousy or to sellout more completely to Jesus!"

Keith Green

Keith and Melody Green did not set out to start a ministry. As the couple shared the excitement they had found in their new faith and demonstrated the love of Yahshua to others they found that people were being drawn to their 'household'. As more and more listened and responded to the Gospel their small house was soon filled to overflowing. After two years of following the Saviour Keith and Melody found themselves supporting about 70 people in seven houses—and The Last Days Ministries was born.

INTRODUCTION:

July 28, 1982, and an eerie silence hung over the wood. A column of smoke rose into the air from the burnt out Cessna. The small domestic aircraft, having cleared the runway, had been airborne just a few minutes when it came crashing back to earth. What started out as a great adventure for the children and an ideal opportunity for the adults to get an aerial view of the extensive Last Days Ministries property, ended in tragedy. The disaster claimed the lives of Keith Green, two of his children (Josiah 3 and Bethany 2); the pilot, and another family of 8.

People around the world struggled to come to terms with the seemingly 'untimely' death of this dynamic personality. Keith Green was at the height of his ministry and was only 28 years old. Would his voice be silenced forever? Not in the least! Although he had only been a Christian for seven years, Keith Green's music, ministry and lifestyle had posed such a challenge to believers in Messiah, that many were propelled into action soon after his death. They would carry the torch, and over two decades later, Keith's 'prophetic voice' still sounds for 'those who have ears to hear', challenging everyone calling him or herself a 'christian' to live a life of commitment, holiness and service.

In his "Memories of Keith", Leonard Ravenhill wrote, "Keith hungered to know about those heroes who moved their generation for God, and followed in their steps. He wasn't just a preacher. He was a crusader... it can truly be said of Keith 'he being dead yet speaketh'. And he will speak on to the generations beyond us."

It is impossible to present all that Keith Green was in an article of this size. We can but glimpse the unswerving love and loyalty this 'sheep' had towards his Shepherd. Keith Green longed to be like his Saviour. A 'man of ideals in a world of compromise', he embraced the call of Yahweh on his life, utilising his talents in reaching the lost of his generation. It is my hope that you may be inspired to read his life-story, listen to his music, take hold of his message, and rise to the challenges he presented.

THE SEARCH:

Keith was born in 1954 to parents who were Christian Scientists. A child prodigy who showed exceptional musical talent very early on in life, Keith was destined to make it BIG in the commercial world. His natural performing ability and stage presence landed him many opportunities both in TV commercials and school performances at a young age. By the age of 8 he had written his first song. At the age of 11 he became the youngest person ever to cut a record and sign a 5-year recording contract with Decca Records. The stage was set for success and this curly-haired young artist, brimming with talent and abounding with energy was the popular music industry's hope of tapping the lucrative pre-teen and teenage market.

However, an unseen Hand was at work. All with a vested interest in Keith Green watched incredulously, as Donny Osmond slipped into the spot carved out for this promising young star. The door was closed. Though waves of disappointment engulfed him, Keith kept the dream of 'making it' alive in his heart. He wasn't going to give up, not that easily.

Maybe it was the disappointment of the failed record deal, or just the inevitable problems that arise when one reaches puberty and adolescence, but by the time Keith was 15 years old he was experiencing such huge relationship problems at home, he decided to 'take to the road'. On the first occasion he left home he started a journal, which was to become his life-long companion. Here he would confide his innermost thoughts, feelings and adventures. Much of Keith's journal discloses an unquenchable spiritual quest and his many questions about the universe, about life, and about Yahweh.

Keith had been raised in a sound moral environment. His Christian Scientist background had shielded him from many of the common destructive habits. But now there was another 'scene' to explore - new things to taste and to experience. Soon Keith was sucked into the 1960's revolutionary spirit of southern California. Determined not to 'wind up' like the people he saw around him, who were, in his words "drowning in mediocrity, traditions and the boring daily grind", he embraced the popular idea of "if it feels good, do it!" Along with others he rejected the system, embraced the brotherhood and the Hippie-culture of drugs, sex and rock and roll. At first he found this new philosophy of freedom and peace through a 'hash-pipe', to be fresh and alive; very different from the deadness of 'organised religion' to which he had been accustomed.



Keith's first LSD 'trip'* led him to exclaim, "I've found God!" In his usual passionate fashion, he proceeded to 'evangelise' his friends and take them "to the light" via LSD. Yet these spiritual exercises only provoked more questions. "Is it the light?" "Is it God?" "If it is God, what is He really like?" The relentless search to find answers drove Keith down many avenues: the occult (advocating astral projection); eastern religions, New Age. He acquired an insatiable hunger for knowledge and an unquenchable desire for truth, and he read widely, but in his words he found much 'food for thought' but nothing that totally satisfied.

By the end of 1972, Keith confessed that he had 'scratched so many things off his spiritual search list, he barely had anything left'. However he did have a strong sense that all the eastern/mystical/occult paths he'd been walking were not only leading him in the wrong direction, but had exposed him to a world of spiritual darkness that was very real, very dangerous and most unfriendly. Keith now spent a lot of time probing through two books – the Bible and "Science and Health" (the Christian Science publication), but he was still confused and unsure. In his confusion, however, he had noticed one common thread running through all the teachings he had studied. That was the person of Yahshua. Though not in absolute agreement about His status, Keith noted that everyone did at least say positive things about this Man, and to top it all, Yahshua had, Himself, said He was the **only** way to the Father. Keith decided he would deal directly with Yahshua and so

opened his heart to Him in a simple prayer. Though he knew very little about this Man, or what his decision might lead to, he was at least hopeful, feeling he had at least stepped onto the **right** path.

FINDING HIS PURPOSE:

Two things mattered most in Keith Green's life – his music and his quest to 'know' Yahweh. In fact much of the music he wrote at this time reflected his inner anguish and pain and his relentless search for meaning and truth. Music was not only his love, but also his livelihood. Daily, as he performed, Keith hoped for the break that would bring him recognition in the commercial world. But promising doors just kept on closing, bringing wave upon wave of disappointment.

Keith's heart ached to know Yahweh, to find Him. He did everything he knew how to draw close to Him, but Yahweh remained nothing more than a concept. Perhaps to show Yahweh that he really meant business (though

*trip - a drug-induced experience

he was fasting once or twice a week and praying every day), Keith went in search of a cross and found one in a second-hand shop. It had been well worn by a pious Ecuadorian monk. Driving home that day, something broke inside, and through uncontrollable sobs he cried out "Jesus...if You're really real...if You are who You say You are please prove it to me. I need You; I need something...show me the way. Prove that You're real, and I'll serve You for ever..."

From that point on Keith made Yahshua his Master. Things began to change rapidly. In his youthful all-or-nothing zest, Keith perceived everything in either black or white. In October 1973 when Keith was 20 he became engaged to Melody Steiner, a Jewish girl, 7 years his senior. He made it clear to her, "Mel, I want you to know that if we do get married I believe it's a lifetime commitment. I don't believe in divorce." Keith had moved into Melody's apartment 5 months earlier. On getting engaged he said to her "I've read some things in the Bible, and I'm beginning to think that sex outside of marriage is wrong." Shock waves hit Melody as Keith announced his decision that the couple should remain celibate until their wedding day in December. It proved a tough time for them both, but Keith wanted to do what he felt was right.

Early on in his 'Christian experience' one question repeatedly dogged Keith "Is Jesus really God?" One friend told Keith he couldn't even become a Christian without settling this issue, so Keith made it his duty to find out. As well as this issue, Keith was having tremendous struggles in his Christianity. He loved, as he called Him, "the Christ", always, but to him Christianity held too many contradictions, plus he was ever conscious of his own failures and shortcomings and wondered if he would ever be able to live up to Yahweh's 'expectations'. Keith poured out his frustrations in music and tried to drown his failures by smoking or taking more drugs. It seemed he was on a constant battlefield, and the devil was winning.

One night whilst performing, Keith poured out a lament in a song based on the story of the Good Samaritan. He later testified to Melody that while he was playing 'Jericho', he felt a touch from Yahweh. He made a conscious decision to stop smoking. That night Keith said

he had felt 'the call' of Yahweh in a strong way and had a sense that the devil was losing his grip on him. About a month after this experience the couple decided to try and find a church. After some initial 'bad experiences' it seemed that the 'unseen Hand' was guiding them down a path that did lead to Himself. Both Keith and Melody experienced the 'new birth' and not long after this Keith settled the "Is Jesus really God?" question after coming into an understanding of the word 'Trinity'.

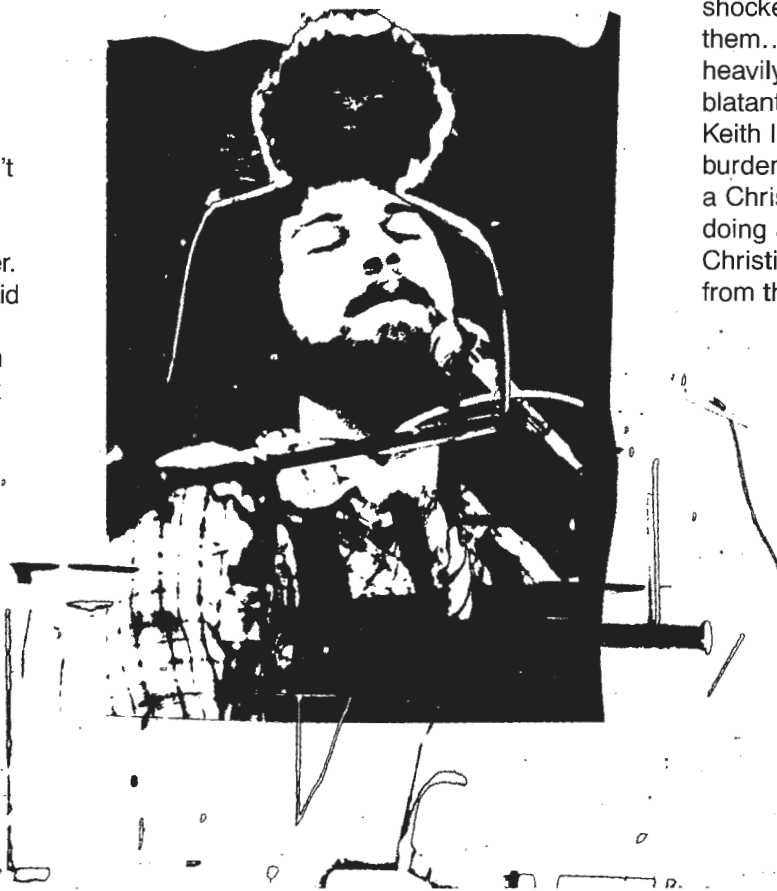
One day Keith and Melody overheard some of their Christian friends talking about a 'wild' party to which they would be going. The couple decided to go along

out of curiosity. What they saw shocked and gravely disturbed them...Christians drinking heavily, smoking dope and blatantly 'sleeping around'. Keith left the party heavily burdened. Surely you can't be a Christian and continue doing as you like? Shouldn't Christians behave differently from those around them?"

Keith fought inwardly against the contradictions he was witnessing in the Christian lifestyle. So many Christians knew the right words to say, but their actions didn't match up. So many professed to know Yahweh, but their behaviour and attitude suggested otherwise. Keith somehow knew that real Christians should be people who loved Yahweh and lived holy lives;

that Christianity was more than 'lip service'.

The question "What does it mean to 'live for God'" was one that dogged Keith for a long time afterwards. "Was a person a Christian just because he/she repeats the 'sinner's prayer'? Was there not some action required? Some outward change?" Though what he saw depressed him, Keith Green knew one thing for certain: he himself was not going to compromise what he knew to be right, no matter what people around him were doing. However he did want to know what was expected of him when he saw Christians making what he felt were 'wrong' choices. The answer came during a Bible Study in the analogy of Ezekiel's 'Watchman'.¹ His determination to be a 'watchman' created for him a few enemies, but Keith Green was now convinced of his position - 'to warn'.



TRUE CHRISTIANS:

From that day on Keith's purpose was reflected in his music and his message. With all doors finally closed into the secular music world, he now began to consider recording an album for Christians. He had one primary aim – to 'get Christians saved'; to speak out against the gross inconsistencies he saw in the Christian lifestyle. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he produced his first album 'For Him Who Has Ears to Hear'. Very quickly this became the biggest debut album in the history of Christian recording. Keith, as promised, ploughed all the money back into funding Yahweh's work².

With growing popularity Keith fought against being made a celebrity. It was important to him that the effect he was having on his listeners came as a conviction of the Spirit and not because of his own 'pulling power', charisma or talents. Daily he examined his motives for doing the things he did and daily he made new and fresh commitments to Yahweh. (At one stage Keith even gave up his music (the love of his life), and did not take it up again until he felt Yahweh had given it back to him to use as a ministry.) Keith was so eager to know he was pleasing Yahweh and that Yahweh was the 'first love' in his life that he made a long hard examination of the love he had for his wife and son above his love for Yahweh. He finally was able to 'pledge' them both to heaven for the gospel.

The issue of Christians living right still consumed Keith. Yahweh was dealing with him about many issues in his own life and he wanted other believers to see the need to clear out of their lives things that he had to face in his. One day as a group sat talking about the importance of prayer, Keith offhandedly remarked "our whole life should be a prayer." Those words inspired Melody to write a song:

Make my life a prayer to you
I wanna do what you want me to.
No empty words
And no white lies
No token prayers
No compromise..."

The last two words became the title of Keith's second album. 'No Compromise' captured the heart of what he wanted to say to other Christians: "that they need to quit compromising, stop listening to the voice of the world, and start living committed lives." It was designed to challenge religious apathy at the core. He observed Christians compromising in so many ways: "not speaking out for what is right, being ashamed of their own convictions, going with the crowd, bowing to invisible idols of acceptability, fear, pride, lust, greed and secret sin." 'No Compromise' was a wake-up call to those who, Keith considered, were 'asleep in the light'.³

In the summer of 1978, Keith Green was invited to sing at a Festival in Oregon, called 'Jesus Northwest'. Because of his popularity, the event drew a larger crowd than ever. The Christians had come to have a good time. Towards the end of the Festival, the organisers could not dispute that the event had been successful in terms of numbers and enjoyment, but there was huge concern about what had been achieved from an eternal

perspective. There had been no real move of the Spirit and no real challenge for change or commitment had been given. Keith, and a fellow worker, Winkie Pratney, felt that if there was not a breakthrough in the Spirit then the Festival would have been a waste of time. Sobbing and praying as he prostrated under his piano, Keith, due to close the Festival in a short while, sought guidance from the Spirit. What did Yahweh want him to say to these people? When he emerged from under the piano, Winkey handed Keith a piece of paper he had been given by a young girl. On it was written a scripture verse from Amos about Yahweh not delighting in Israel's festivals. Keith's mouth dropped open. This was the exact thing Yahweh had impressed on him. He knew what he had to do.

Keith went on-stage and challenged his listeners to a life of obedience. He spoke about 'counting the cost': "It doesn't cost you much to follow Jesus – just everything!" he began, then pleaded to Yahweh for forgiveness. "Lord, we're sorry for having such deceitful hearts and weak flesh. For being children of our own desires instead of being children of your desires. Children of religion rather than children of truth... Lord corner our flesh – crucify our flesh, kill our own desires..." He examined the whole notion of being 'saved' and spoke in straight terms. "If after saying 'the sinner's prayer'; if in a few months your friends can't tell that you're born again; if your relatives can't see a change in you; if your teacher can't see you're a Christian; you're probably not! Because let me tell you something: when someone's born again, they get excited! It changes the way they live, what they do, how they speak, how they act, what they do with their money, their cars, their girlfriends – it's all different! Then how comes it looks the same? How come Christians are trying to ride the line? ...I challenge everybody who calls himself a Christian, which means 'little Christ' to live as Jesus did..."

Keith gave an altar call, asking those who wanted to make Yahshua 'Lord of their lives' for the first time to stand up. Nearly everyone stood up. Fearing they hadn't heard him properly, he spoke again, "This is not a rededication. This is the first time." Still they stood...

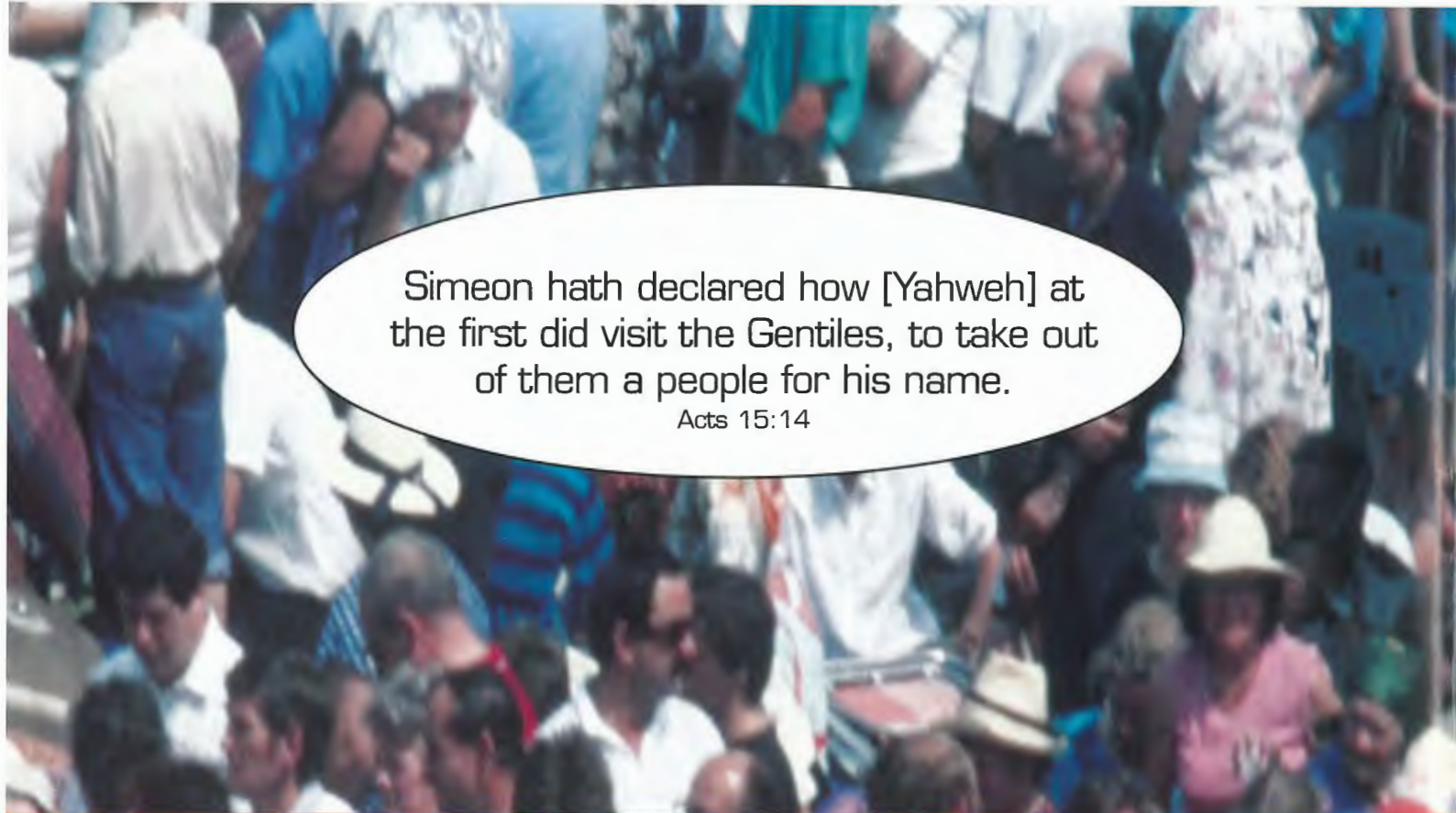
The event was a huge success, but Keith was far from elated. Despite his 'hard messages' he was still being viewed as a celebrity. His growing popularity and increasing fan club gravely worried him. Keith prayed asking Yahweh to take him out of the way. As he struggled with questions about his ministry and knowing Yahweh's will for his life, Keith decided to take a sabbatical and spend some time soul-searching.

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¹ Ezekiel 33:2-9

² The financing of The Last Days Newsletter – a regular publication of the Last Days Ministries - still available today; making his music available to those who couldn't afford it (on a "what you can afford" basis), and covering the costs of his concerts. (Keith struggled with the legality of charging for his concerts.) The couple were also running a 'community household' at the time.

³ A phrase coined from Leonard Ravenhill's book "Why Revival Tarries"



Simeon hath declared how [Yahweh] at
the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out
of them a people for his name.

Acts 15:14

A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME



Nathaniel Edwards : Derby Congregation

I was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on 16th April at 9.00am on a Saturday morning. I was given the same name as my father, and after my father was ordained as a minister in the seventh-day Baptist church he took my family, including myself, back to his own parish of St Anne. After serving as a minister for ten years, my father died, on exactly the same day and time as the date of my birth ten years earlier. He did not live to see my conversion, but he must have had a great influence on my life as a young child, because I always had a tender heart towards Yahweh, though I remained a sinner until the age of seventeen. It makes me weep to think of the night I was saved in my father's church. They were singing a song: "In the land of strangers whither thou art gone, Hear a strange voice calling you, 'My son, My son. Welcome wanderer, welcome back to home; Thou hast wandered far away; come home.'" I wept myself to the cross. I didn't join a church; I was converted. Although for many years I was ignorant of the true name of Yahweh, I loved and revered Him and served Him sincerely from the depths of my heart. During my time in Jamaica I began to feel that Yahweh was calling me, and soon I was called to the ministry. I knew Yahweh had His hand on my life, for I was just not satisfied.

Many years passed, and eventually I came to England where I lived with my family, fellowshiping, preaching, serving Yahweh through many years of experience and growth. The time came when I became very dissatisfied with the fellowship I attended. It felt as though I could not find the biblical order in the Church. Many souls were perishing and this was very grievous. I remember speaking to the minister's wife in the place where I was worshipping that it shouldn't be so, it couldn't be so, there must be something wrong. I think this must have been confirmation for me, because she knew Yahweh's Word, and she turned and said to me, 'Well, this is the condition of the world as it is now; anywhere you go you will find the same thing', but I said, 'No, my dear sister, no, no, no; there MUST be a people for Yahweh.' I had made a study of the Word of Yahweh daily, and I knew. Oh, how I wept and wept and wept to find Yahweh's people. I said for years, 'Yahweh, where are **Your** people? There MUST be Your people.' I didn't know what part of the world they were in, but I looked in the Scriptures and I knew that Yahweh MUST have a people of the Book.

I decided I could no longer continue to fellowship, and therefore remained at home for two long years, in which I prayed and wept, and felt like a backslider, although I did not live carelessly. During this time I feasted on Yahweh's Word; if I did not read and study the Word of Yahweh I believe I would have died; it is food for the hungry soul. I bought good books by spiritual authors and fed my soul on them also, but all the while I felt as though I was in mourning.

One day I was weeping, and I looked toward heaven and said, 'My God, am I going to die like this? Is this the end of my spiritual walk, after all these years of serving You? Please don't let me die like this!'

At about the same time, I began to think of a brother I had known ten years previously while in fellowship in the church in Derby. Like myself, he had become discouraged and dissatisfied with the lack of biblical order in the church, and he had left and moved back to live in Nottingham. I told my wife that I kept thinking of brother Gordon; I then began dreaming about him also; it was as though I was longing to see him. This went on for weeks and then into months, until the day came when my wife suggested I should try to discover where he lived. I had no idea how to find him, but when I mentioned this to another mutual friend, he gave me his address.

Over the next few months I wrote to this brother; and we met and began having fellowship together. We discussed the Word together, and wrote long letters and my soul revived. One day he described to me a group of people he had met in Nottingham. He had attended two meetings with these people, and the description he gave me made me so excited that I had to ask him why he had not told me about them before!

The first Sabbath that I could, I made my way to Nottingham from Derby to attend the service. The very first song I heard sung in the Congregation of Yahweh was 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Yahweh Almighty'! Oh, I will never forget that day, or that song! I would like to feel

that way for the rest of my life! I felt I was taken away! And then the preacher stood up, and it was brother Peter! What a service! My soul was satisfied! After that long search for truth, I had come home! I had found Yahweh's people! My soul was electrified under the sermon, in the worship - my soul wasn't wondering if I had made a mistake. From the very moment that the first song began, I knew in my heart that I was going to worship with this group of people.

There were many people that day enjoying the Sabbath service, and I wanted it to finish so I could rush home to tell my wife - I was so excited. The coach journey home felt like a snail - it was so slow and seemed to take so long! I rushed in and said, 'Claudette - I have found such a lovely group of people - I have found our spiritual home!', expecting her to share my new-found joy. I was sadly mistaken. She looked at me and said quietly, 'Listen to me. If you think you are going to drag me around England to services, you are sadly mistaken!' Imagine my disappointment! I couldn't say another word!

The following Sabbath my wife came with me to the meeting, and after another Sabbath service it was she who was getting me up on Sabbath morning to travel to Nottingham - she, too, had found the people she had been praying to meet, and the church she had been longing for. Soon after this, during one service, the Holy Spirit began to deal with Claudette in a great way; after the meeting and all the way home to Derby in the car she was weeping and weeping, and as soon as we arrived home she went to her room, and cried herself to sleep. That experience sealed us.

Frankly speaking, I have had many proofs that Yahweh is working among His people. I have observed over the months and years, this group of people match up to Yahweh's Word. I have seen by their living, their example, by words, by their love, by everything, that, yes, these are Yahweh's people. When I went to Newcastle and met the brethren there I felt the same love, the same welcome, the same freedom. Then the same thing when I went to Aylesbury - wherever we go and meet these people they are just the same. The love, the welcome, the care - everything.

I know that Yahweh has answered my prayer; it was worth the mourning and the weeping. Since coming into the Congregation there have been changes; I learned of Yahweh's Name, and of many other things. I had doubts, and searched the Scriptures, questioning Him, and seeking Him for answers. He gave me the patience to wait, and either by a book, or by some other method only known to Yahweh and myself, I waited, until I had the full assurance from His Word that His Feast days are right. My soul has been blessed. And now, old as I am, I am still waiting on Yahweh, with my dear wife, Claudette, who is such a help and inspiration to me, seeking to do His will. Together, we are seeking to serve Yahweh among His people. Truly we have found our spiritual home among His people - a people for His name. HalleluYah! 🙌

WORKERS

together with Him

adapted by Catherine Lodge from a sermon by Peter R. Warsop

It is a great privilege to be allowed to work with Yahshua at this time in history; the end of this dispensation. It is a time of intense spiritual activity and in His plan and purposes Yahweh has made provision for people to work with Him. Yahweh is Spirit, and in order to be able to work

we obey His commission to work with Him, because surely *'the end of the age'* is upon us! He that went into the temple with Peter and John, and with Paul among the Gentiles, is to go with **us** to the end of the age. We have His promise to be **with** us, and His command to work **with** Him. If He is working with us, and we are working with Him, then things should surely happen in our day as much as they did in the days of the apostles.

Are we seeing the same results in our generation that these men saw in theirs? If the answer is 'No', then it is time to ask ourselves whether we are working with Yahshua in the same capacity as they were?

THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

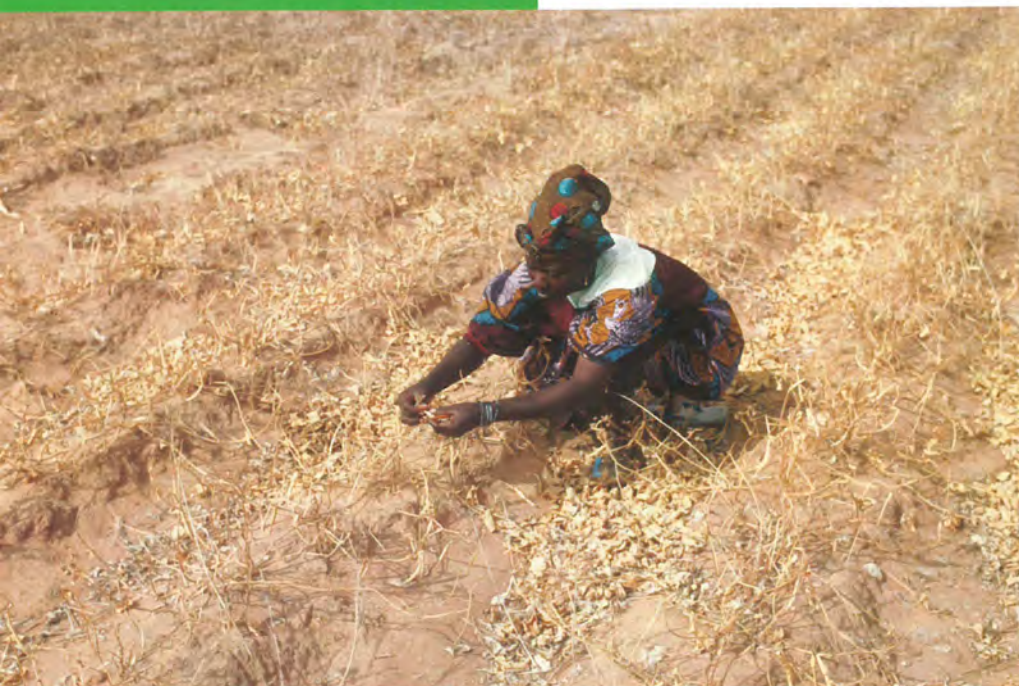
"He said to them, 'Go into *all the world* and preach the good news to all creation'" Mark 16:15.

You and I cannot go into all the world and preach the good news, for we cannot be resident in more than one place at any one time. It is something that had to be done: in order; as a principle; as Yahshua commanded; beginning at Jerusalem; then going on to Judaea, Samaria and beyond. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8.

It is so important for us to understand some basic principles in order for us to be effective in our work *'to the ends of the earth'*.

YAHSHUA - THE EXAMPLE

Is Yahweh the most important person in my life? Does He have the



with Him it is necessary to be in tune with His 'spiritual wavelength'.

Before He ascended into heaven Yahshua commanded His disciples: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:19-21.

With this command goes the assurance that we can expect His Presence to be active in our lives as

pre-eminence? Yahshua Himself taught His disciples: "The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for *I always do what pleases him*" John 8:29.

Here we see Yahshua, the Son of the Almighty, working with Yahweh! He understood the simple principle that if we **always** do what pleases Him, the Father will **always** be with us! That means that everything in my life must please Yahweh. This requires unbroken fellowship with the Almighty, a continuous communion with Him. It implies a continuous order in my life, with Yahshua first, and myself second; a putting of myself in a position to hear His voice, at any time of the night or day. A condition of heart that cries, "What would You have me to do?" It also requires a condition of heart that does not try to emulate and be like any other person, but seeks to discover how Yahweh wants me to live and work with Him, living a holy life, going where He commands, doing what He says.

EXERCISING AUTHORITY

When Yahshua faced impossible situations to which there seemed no answer, His word alone was enough to bring dramatic change to people's lives: "When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick" Matthew 8:16. Yahshua healed all the sick that were brought to Him, and He cast out demons 'with a word!' Truly a demonstration of the purity and authority of the Holy Spirit working as Yahshua **spoke**. When His disciples were terrified and felt they were at the point of drowning, again Yahshua spoke to the storm on the sea of Galilee and the water immediately became still, causing the disciples to marvel: "In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him'" Luke 8:25. Yahshua was the first of a new type of believer, and what an example to us! The only way to be effective in working with Yahshua in our day is to have this same authority.

We receive this authority, not by longing for it, but by working with Yahshua, following His example of obedience to His Father; His example of unbroken fellowship and constant communication with the Almighty.

THE EQUIPMENT

We read in Matthew 28 the promise that Yahshua will be **with** us until the end of the age. It is possible to have His Presence **living** within us. We read in Revelation 3:20: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Yahshua promised that He would **live in us**. Not only do we have the promise of Yahshua's presence in us, but He also said: "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father

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will love him, and *we will come to him and make our home with him*" John 14:23. The One who conceived the whole of creation and in whom the idea of creation originated, will come and live **in us**, with Yahshua, if we love Yahshua and are obedient to Him! The conditions are clear: to love Yahshua, and to obey His teaching. The results of love and obedience are wonderfully apparent, that not only the Son but also His Father both live and dwell inside us! What kind of people ought we to be?

THE CREATIVE POWER OF THE PROCEEDING WORD

The proceeding word of creation prophecy

There is, in the Father's word, the ability to create something out of nothing. In the beginning of time, Genesis 1:2 tells us that the earth was

without form, and empty, filled with darkness, and without order. We know that it was first in the Father's heart to create, and that there was in Yahshua His Father's power to bring to pass whatever His Father desired: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with [Yahweh], and the Word was [Yahweh]. He was with [Yahweh] in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" John 1:1-3.

Because Yahshua always did what pleased His Father, He spoke the word into the chaos: "And [Elohim] said: 'Let there be light,' and there was light" Genesis 1:3.

In the word Yahshua spoke, therefore, we see both a creative ability and a creative genius. It brought something out of nothing and light into the whole earth. Everything that was perfect was made by Yahshua. After 6000 years of man's pollution and interference, those things are still here, and they are still beautiful! If we are to believe the promise contained in the great commission of Matthew 28:19, that He would be with us till the end of the age, is it, therefore, possible that the same authority to speak the proceeding word of creative prophecy into a situation could be available to those 'working with Yahshua' in every generation?

The proceeding word of re-creation prophecy

Chapter 37 of the book of Ezekiel tells us that Yahweh took the prophet Ezekiel to a valley filled with dry bones: "He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'O Sovereign [Yahweh], you alone know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of [Yahweh]!'" Ezekiel 37:3-4.

This is very similar to what Yahweh said to Yahshua at the beginning of time. Yahweh gave Ezekiel His proceeding word, and told him to prophecy to the bones. When he did so, the Scripture tells us that the bones came together, sinew and flesh came upon the bones, and they lived. Ezekiel was a **man**, working with Yahweh just

as the Son had, to re-create what had been formerly, through the proceeding word of re-creation prophecy. Surely this was a manifestation of re-creating what was in the Father's heart, through a **man!**

The proceeding word of redemptive history

Isaiah was a man working with Yahweh. He prophesied: "Therefore [Yahweh] himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" Isaiah 7:14. I believe that things do not just happen by chance or by accident; we see here that Yahweh **prophesied His will into being** through a man. Moreover, reflecting on Isaiah 53 shows us that hundreds of years before the crucifixion, Isaiah brought a greater concept of Calvary through his writings than the actual eye-witnesses of the crucifixion were able to describe, confounding humanity. Surely this is an example of the proceeding word of redemptive history, bringing Yahweh's will into being through the word of prophecy!

YAHSHUA'S WORD BROUGHT LIFE

One day in the synagogue Yahshua found Himself being watched by the Pharisees, who were waiting for an opportunity to trap Him: "...and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to accuse [Yahshua], they asked him, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?'" Matthew 12:10. After a short discourse with the Pharisees, Yahshua looked at the man and commanded: "Stretch out your hand" Matthew 12:13. Immediately the man, who had no use or life in his hand, was suddenly completely well, by the **spoken word** of Yahshua. On another occasion, when witness to a funeral in the village of Nain, Yahshua felt great pity for the widow who had been left alone, following the death of her only son: "Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!' The dead man sat

up and began to talk, and [Yahshua] gave him back to his mother" Luke 7:14.

Yahshua's word brought the young man back to life. He loved to do the will of His Father.

YAHSHUA – THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

The power to heal

Going on from here we see Peter and John going into the temple, and a lame man there begging for alms. He had been there for many years, and Peter's words to him changed the man's life for ever: "Then Peter said, 'Look at us ...silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of

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[Yahshua the Messiah] of Nazareth, walk!" Acts 3:4-6.

Peter was working with Yahweh, and Yahshua healed exactly the same as He had when He was on the earth. Peter was in touch. He was hearing, and seeing, and understanding Yahweh's will, and doing what pleased the Father just as Yahshua had done before him. Today, how we need men and women who will work with Yahweh like this!

The power to administer justice

When Ananias and Sapphira tried to lie to Peter about a business transaction they had completed, the same authority of the spoken word was evident, working through Peter: "Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest

and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, 'Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to [Yahweh]' When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened" Acts 5:1-6.

Similarly, when the apostle Paul was witnessing to the proconsul of the island of Paphos, we see Satan trying to block Yahweh's work towards this Roman official:

"But Elymas the sorcerer ...opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul... filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 'You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right...now the hand of [Yahweh] is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun.' Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed..." Acts 13:8-12.

It is a sobering fact that if someone in our day was working with Yahweh in this area of authority, they would have to be very close to Yahweh indeed, in order not to seek for self-aggrandisement but for Yahweh's glory. This kind of authority calls for great humility.

THE PROCEEDING WORD THROUGH A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

In conclusion, we have seen that approximately 6000 years ago the earth was in a state of total confusion, and it has been suggested that today the world is facing a similar crisis. I ask the question, 'How is Yahweh going to set the present world chaos in order? What about the world banking system? The economy? The disasters? Famines? Inequality?'

In the beginning, the creative word of Yahweh, spoken through the Son, brought order. I suggest that all Yahweh has to do in our day is to speak! I further suggest it is possible that He may want to speak through a people, in the same way that He spoke through His Son, then through countless other vessels who have worked with Yahweh through the ages. Today we are speeding towards the end of this dispensation, and Yahshua has not changed; He is the same, yesterday,

today, and forever. Yahweh is looking for a prophetic people. Not only prophets, but those who are so united with Him, knowing His voice and working and living in a spirit of submission and humility, that He can use them to fulfil His purpose in sending forth His Word. The redemptive word of creative prophecy; the word of life; the creative word of the Father's will.

I suggest that there **will** be such a people, always seeking to do those

things that please the Father; speaking powerful language; bringing the will of Yahweh into manifestation; changing this world dramatically before Yahshua comes. ✞

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"NO COMPROMISE"

Part 2



"Keith had a holy zeal and purity I've seen in very few.

I don't think Keith was preoccupied with the gospel of [Messiah] as much as he was with the person of [Messiah]. I think that was his consuming passion."

Leonard Ravenhill

HOLINESS

Keith's consuming desire was for Yahweh to do a deeper work in his life - he craved a closer relationship with Yahshua. On 15 January 1979 he logged his desire. One evening in February, Keith was reading 'Revival Lectures' by Charles Finney. As he read the chapter called "Breaking up the Fallow Ground" he felt strongly convicted by Yahweh and spent the night in soul-searching, confession and repentance. Keith

experienced a personal revival in his heart that was to have a lasting effect on him. Finney defined revival as "a new beginning of obedience to Yahweh". What he had experienced, Keith was convinced Yahweh wanted for the nation.

'Revival' became the theme of Keith's next concert in a place called Tulsa. His message and songs centred on Yahweh's broken heart over the hypocrisy of lukewarm Christianity. His aim was to shake the congregation into a confrontation with themselves and Yahweh. "The gospel is a no-compromise, absolute sell-out for Jesus, one hundred per cent walk." In strong tones he boomed "You brood of vipers and snakes! ... Who call yourselves Christians and half-heartedly serve Him!" Shock waves ran through the place, but Yahweh's Spirit descended as Keith sat at the piano. As he began to play, he prayed, "Lord, these people can't know how much I love them. They've heard me yelling and screaming at them - but Lord, You know the heart You've put in me that hates sin and hypocrisy and compromising so much. You know how much I love these people and want to see them turn into blazing, glowing Christians. Oh God! - please bring a revival." People responded with weeping and brokenness as Keith and the Pastor led the congregation in a time of personal and corporate repentance.

Over the proceeding days and months, Keith's passion to be like his Saviour intensified. He went through many 'dying' (putting down of self) experiences and learned many valuable lessons about the process of becoming like his Master. Still his concerts focused mainly on one theme "Christians getting right with God". At the Tulsa crusade Keith pressed home the subject of holiness. "What is holiness?" He asked. "It means to be set apart. It doesn't mean you live in a monastery. It means you don't do worldly things. In first John it says if any man loves the world he's an enemy of God." Keith challenged his listeners on the need for a personal revival; the need as believers to confess and repent of specific sins, asking for Yahweh's forgiveness and cleansing. The message was received with mixed feelings.

So concerned was Keith to see the Church free of compromise and 'counterfeit conversions' that he wrote some strong and controversial articles about things that bothered him about Christianity. He attacked the Catholic Church for making Yahweh too mysterious, distant and unknowable and he attacked the Protestants for doing the opposite - being too familiar with Yahweh and taking His grace for granted. He felt that while the former was making it too difficult to be saved, the latter was guilty of suggesting Christianity to be an easy option. Reading A.W. Tozer, Keith was convinced that the true nature of Christianity was that of cross-bearing, denial and sacrifice. The Church, he felt, was guilty of removing essential elements from the gospel: the blood (which

alone has the power to conquer the devil); and the cross (the absence of which reduces the gospel to a 'Me-centred' rather than 'Christ-centred' one). Keith saw the Church as failing in its mission in rescuing souls from hell by presenting a watered down, distorted version of Yahweh's message. Too much emphasis was being placed on 'the sinner's prayer' without advocating a real need for change. Speaking too loosely about Messiah being a 'personal' Saviour, without understanding that He demands a standard of righteousness, was causing many to stumble in their walk. Another thing that disturbed Keith was the growing use of bumper stickers, which bore what he called 'cheap clichés' and Christian slogans. Such was the passion of this man that he felt that the Church should be a true representation of the One she professed to follow. Such was his passion to deal with any contradictions and inconsistencies he saw in his own life.

MISSION

From the middle of 1981 to the beginning of 1982, in crusade after crusade, Keith challenged Christians about their walk with Yahweh. But though others felt that Yahweh was powerfully using him, most of the time Keith just felt dry and disappointed. What was needed was a new move of the Spirit, but from where would it come? At the end of May 1982, Keith and Melody were invited to visit some YWAM* missions in England and Amsterdam. Keith had been deeply impressed with the work of YWAM and the missionaries who had sacrificed so much to bring the gospel to the needy. When he made enquiries as to what the greatest need of the missionaries was, Floyd McClung replied "PEOPLE. More people who have a heart to reach the lost for Jesus." Keith remembered a discussion he had had the previous year with John Dawson who was directing the YWAM work in Los Angeles, California "...just as every individual has a destiny to fulfil, every nation has a destiny to fulfil too. America is a leader among nations. But what are we leading people to? America is here to bless the nations – and your message – whatever it is – has got to include a call to turn from sin to that...It's one thing to call people to turn from sin – but I think your message needs to somehow include a call for Christians to get involved in being part of that blessing." Keith hadn't understood this at the time, but now he could see a new direction for his ministry ...a new challenge for believers.

Keith left Amsterdam with a burning passion – to call together an army of people to rescue those who were perishing. His plan was to target the 230,000 recipients of his publication, the Last Days Newsletter, as well as everyone who attended his concerts. The words of a new song "Jesus commands us to go! It should be the exception if we stay" captured the new feelings of mission and evangelism that were stirring in Keith.

Once home, Keith wasted no time in planning three large benefit concerts to help one missionary group, and

a concert tour to bring a 'missions' challenge to the Christians in America. This new-found purpose filled him with new excitement. In June 1982 Keith walked purposefully on stage and delivered a passionate sermon. "I'll tell you what, folks, the world isn't being won today because we're not doing it! It's our fault! This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth. Nowhere in the world is the gospel more plentiful as in the United States. Nowhere! And I don't want to see us stand before God on that day and say, "But God, I didn't hear **You** call me!" Here's something for all of you to chew on – you don't need to hear a call. You're already called! ...It's either God's will that the world's going to hell or it's the Church's fault because they're not being obedient to what the Bible says about going into all nations and preaching the gospel...There's a rule in the Armed Forces: Always obey the last order you got until you get new orders from command headquarters. The last order I got in my Bible was 'Go!'" Keith then sang two songs to a riveted audience – "Jesus commands us to go!" and "Open your eyes to the world all around you."

After the concert John Dawson said to Keith "God is getting ready to use you in a big way to challenge a multitude of young people into missions. But if you keep overstating the point, you'll disqualify the message." Keith accepted his reprimand for presenting the challenge too strongly, but in his "all or nothing fashion" he had felt that Yahweh's heart was broken because His children had failed to obey His command and he wanted to convey this fact. He determined that the next time he would present the challenge differently. There wasn't to be a next time...

On July 28 Keith was killed in a plane crash...

EPILOGUE:

"UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT..."

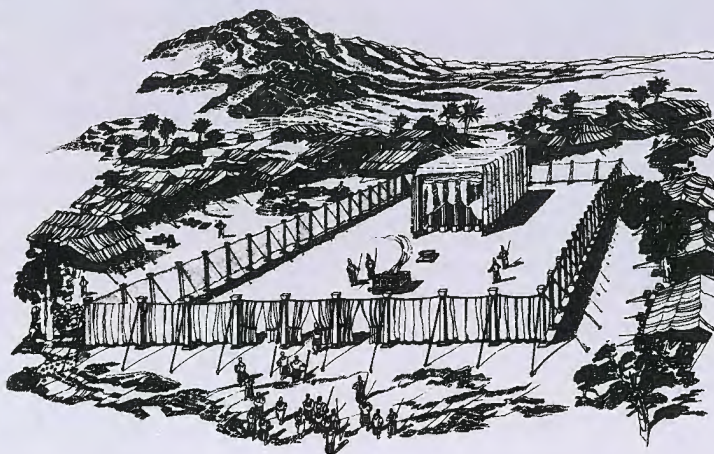
To most it felt that Keith Green was taken from the earth at the 'height' of his ministry, and at a time when he seemed to have found a deeper purpose for service. But his seemingly 'untimely' death only served to open up a wider arena for ministry – it did not silence his voice. What Keith stood for; all he was and all he believed was to challenge many to 'live a life worthy of the calling they had received'. He inspired many young people to dedicate themselves in Yahweh's service and to enter the mission field. Keith loved his Saviour and desired so much to be like Him. He did all he knew to fulfil Yahweh's call on his life. He used his gifts and talents for Yahweh's purpose and played his role in reaching those of his generation. It is the duty of each one of us to search for the purpose for which we were born, and to give ourselves to fulfilling it. ✞



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Congregation's literature*

* YWAM = Youth with a Mission" an organisation whose aim it is to mobilise and equip young people to transform the lives of others in the UK and the world through relief and development, Christian education and evangelism.

I have such great interest in your publications because aside from being scholarly compelling works, they help shed light on vague issues of spirituality. Thank you for sending me your precious published magazine, I have enjoyed it very much and I'm looking forward to receiving more. I read and re-read Ha'Shem 36. I was overwhelmed with wonder. How great - it's a real joy, the Feasts of Yahweh. Apolonia Federico - Philippines



I have also enjoyed the most recent issue of Ha'Shem you've sent me, that's issue 36. I have enjoyed all the thoughts and the holy learning expressed by the ministers, and it was a blessing to me. "The Chosen Place" by David Hayes, was a wonderful featured contribution. "The Door" by Daniel J Smith, as well as "The Holy Place" by John Thornton. Sister Rebekah Wager with her "Were You There?" was much enthralling. But the one that was most marvellous, was the one written by Valerie Warsop, titled "The Holy of Holies". "The Brazen Altar" by Nathan Prince was indeed a source of inspiration and therefore I must say it was very kind of you to send the magazine free of charge. It would be definitely unfair if I do not say so. May Yahweh always provide the money you will need to accomplish His rightful plans. Chrisford Coutis, Dominica

Your feedback on Ha'shem 36

Thank you for sending me the Ha'Shem 36. The contents are a uniquely composed one which deals with the Tabernacle: the site; the chosen place; the door; the entrance to the tabernacle; the brazen altar; the laver; the holy place; the holy of holies, which were of vital importance for our understanding. G. Yisrayl - India

Thank you very much for the literature that you shared. My wife and I are studying it carefully until now. We accepted that the true name of our Heavenly Father is Yahweh and the Son is Yahshua, and also keeping the true Sabbath day. We appreciated very much this doctrine. Philippines

I read one of your magazines Ha'Shem 36, it has really opened my understanding on living a holy life in this sinful world. May Yahweh give you more grace to do more exploits for Him in this generation. Sir, I want to know more about the truth - for there is freedom in knowing the holiness of Yahshua. Kindly send some of your past editions of Ha'Shem and Mal'akh magazine. Quest for Truth series and In Search of the Ancient Path booklet to me. Ebenezer Anjorin - Fairfax USA

The magazine is splendid. The door fantastically explained: the colours, blue, white, scarlet, violet. I am not exaggerating - I'm filled with His glory. "Let them build me a Tabernacle that I may dwell among them." This burning flame ignited in me. Deena David - India

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More Feedback...

I thank you for the help you brothers have been helping me by sending Yahweh's word to me... I also thank you for the small booklet named John's Story and the magazines which is now improving my spiritual life. Equatorial Guinea

Thank God because since the New Testament came to me, my wife has become a new creature because things are changing on her side. Ivory Coast

Dear Sir
I have got your tape of why not to keep Christmas ministry by Alcot Walker. I'm glad I now know the truth...

Mrs Frodsham / Lancashire

I was given an issue of your magazine Ha'Shem issue 35 and was enlightened by all the featured articles presented. I have come to realise the use of the sacred Name Yahweh and Yahshua. I pray Yahweh will continue to bless your magazine and staff members in continually making its publication possible. USA

Extremely happy to receive books of biblical value and principles from you. Your magazine is now making people of Southern Africa happy. Zimbabwe

Thank you for Ha'Shem and Uplook! that I received. Thank you very much for this unselfish work that you are doing for the Master. Although my English is not very good I enjoy every bit of the written word. May Yah bless you. S Africa