

In our last podcast, we discussed the problem with prophets and how they are designed to be carriers of a message, but when they try to be the interpreters of the message, they usually corrupt the message with personal bias. Eliphaz was one such prophet. God has given Him some amazing truths, but when he tries to apply these truths to Job, he corrupts it and filters the truth through his if/then God.

We also begin a great journey of exploring the various prophetic statements and comparing them to other promises and truths throughout the scriptures to validate and understand what the Spirit is saying to those who have ears to listen. Let's pick back up with some of those prophetic truths. **EP23 Yahweh According to Job, Job 5:22-24.**

Job 5:22-23

You will laugh at violence and famine, and you will not be afraid of wild beasts. For you will be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

Violence and famine, wild beasts and stones of the field and the beasts of the field, those are odd couplings. Previously we had a coupling of famine and death, so "famine" seems to be a popular topic.

Let's make some sense of this statement. It seems to be a layered statement that applies to those who have learned how to abide in **Yahweh Nissi**, but it just might also have overtones to a time after Jesus Second Coming.

Laughing

"*You will laugh at violence and famine...*" The verb translated as "laugh" is in the Hebrew Qal and the Imperfect, which we are to understand as a continuing action, what we would understand as a "*participle*." The phrase should be translated, "*You will be laughing at violence and famine.*" But this verb in the Qal form is often used to express a sense of scorn, contempt, or derision. This is not to be understood as laughing in the sense of fun and joy, but more of a scoff.¹

How or why does one even begin to laugh at violence and famine, even if it is laced with a touch of ridicule or contempt? Ok, let's set our perspective.

Matthew 10:28

You are commanded to not **now** choose to fear those who are **now** killing the body but are **now** being unable to choose to kill the soul; but rather you are commanded to **now** choose to fear Him who is **now** being able to choose to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luke 12:4-5

I **now** say to you, My friends, may you not be caused to be afraid of those who are **now** killing the body and after that are **now** having no more that they can do. But I will in the **future** warn you whom you

¹ In the Hebrew "Qal," the verb "*sahaq*" (laugh) is to laugh in contempt or derision or in sport. In the "piel" form, the verb is more of a jest or a playful laugh. In the "hiphil," it is a mocking laugh.

may be caused to fear: you are commanded to be caused to fear the One who, after He has killed, is **now** having authority to cast into hell; yes, I **now** tell you, you are commanded to be caused to fear Him!

Perhaps this scornful laughing comes as those who are hidden in **Yahweh Nissi** are convinced that this world is passing away and they are just temporary visitors, and if their physical life is taken, they win; without question they get the better deal! They will suddenly find themselves in the presence of **Yahweh**, the one place they have always desired to be.²

It's as if when facing violence, they look upon those who would deem them harm and begin to laugh with an obvious disdain for their pathetic attempt to wield what they think is definitive power over a true believer. **Yahweh** alone has the definitive power, and since those who hide themselves in **Yahweh Nissi** are joint heirs with Jesus Christ, they are just ushering us into the realm when we share in His definitive power. Now that is something to be laughing about. They intend to harm us, but they are ushering us towards a gift beyond measure, and they are clueless about what they are doing.

This reminds me of that scripture in **1 Corinthians 2:7-8** where the Spirit tells us that if the rulers of this world (the spiritual forces acting upon the people of this world) had known what would be accomplished by the violence done to Jesus, "*they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*"

Violence & Famine

It is still boggling why violence and famine are coupled, especially since **Job 5:20** makes a couplet of famine and death. We learned that beyond deprivation of food for an extended period, "*famine*" that leads to death refers to a deprivation from the Spirit of God and a death, or eternal permanence, in the "bad" place. So, why this couplet of violence and famine?

Perhaps, it is the very deprivation, a famine, from the Spirit of God that leads people to violence, to the ability to extend such hatred and disdain toward those who simply love **Yahweh** and are doing no harm to those perpetrating the violence. True believers just think and believe differently, with values that support life, that support peace, that support relationship. But strip those values away and one is left with a base nature that is animalistic and not just prone to violence, they delight in violence.

Romans 1:28-32

And just as they did not see fit to **now** acknowledge God, God gave them up to a depraved mind, to **now** do those things that are not **now** being proper, caused to having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, without natural affection, unmerciful; and although they have been knowing the ordinance of God, that those who are **now** practicing such things are **now** worthy of death, they not only **now** do the same, but also **now** approve of those who are **now** practicing them.

² **1 John 2:17; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:21-23**

From a naturalistic perspective, these sorts of people are scary, terrifying even. As we are living in the **Last Days**, and as we are getting closer-and-closer to the **End Times**, this seems to be our now, our present reality, just as it was revealed to us by the Spirit of God.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But you are commanded to **now** realize this, that in the last days difficult times will in the **future** choose to come. For people will in the **future** choose to be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, having been caused to being conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **now** holding to a form of godliness although they have chosen to be denying its power; you are commanded to **now** choose to avoid these.

Given this is our present reality, and it is only getting worse day-by-day, we must remember what Jesus said:

Matthew 10:28

You are commanded to not **now** choose to fear those who are **now** killing the body but are **now** being unable to choose to kill the soul; but rather you are commanded to **now** choose to fear Him who is **now** being able to choose to destroy both soul and body in hell.

And we must choose to follow the command to now choose to avoid people who fit this “last days” profile: “*you are commanded to **now** choose to avoid these.*”

Our Confidence: Fear & Beasts

“... and you will not be afraid of wild beasts.”

Rendered in the Hebrew “jussive,” this is not a statement, but a command that is given to a third party that concerns another. By way of an example as to how this third-party command is used, if someone is holding a third-party captive, and we command the captor to “let him or her go” that would be a command in the jussive.

Applied to this passage, **Yahweh** gives the command to the Spirit of God living within us to cause us to not be afraid of wild beasts. This is profound since throughout the scriptures this idea of “wild beasts” is a metaphor for beings in the unseen realm, we generically call them demons, but they are spiritual beings which have various designations depending upon the roles they have been assigned, (including rulers, powers, world forces of this darkness, and spirits of wickedness), and in the scriptures they are often likened to “wild beasts.”³

For instance, in the scriptures, these spirits are likened to the following animals: a ram, bears, lions,

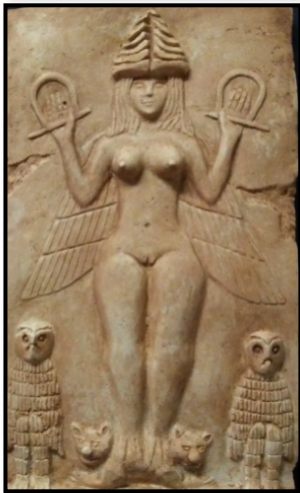
³ **Ephesians 6:12**

leopards, goats, bats, crows, storks, hawks, eagles, snakes, scorpions, sea monsters, a behemoth, and a dragon, just to name a few

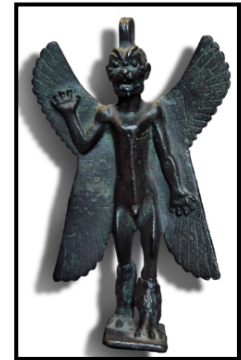


Jeremiah 50:39 mentions screech owls and other night birds as well as jackals and wild beasts. **Isaiah 13:21-22** speaks of ostriches, owls, and shaggy goats. **Job 26:12, 40-41** speaks of Rahab the sea monster, the Behemoth, and Leviathan, the dragon. And **Jeremiah 34:14-15** speaks of dessert creatures that meet with the wolves, the harry goat, the night monster, the hawk, and the tree snake.

Jewish Rabbis believed these were all references to various types of demonic spirits. The Jewish encyclopedia also mentions a demonic beast with the head of a calf, with one revolving horn in the middle, and an eye on the breast. This beast's whole body is covered with scales, hair, and eyes. It was believed that whosoever sees him, whether man or beast, would fall down and die.



There is also a demon known as Lilith, who is believed to be the queen of demons. In a Babylonian relief she is pictured as part woman part bird. She has eagle's feet, wings like a stork, a body of a woman, and long flowing hair. She is also pictured surrounded by owls. There is similar imagery to this in **Zechariah 5:5-11** where it pictures two women of Lilith's description who carries another woman of wickedness in a basket and sets her down on a pedestal in a temple in none other than the land of Babylonia (also referred to as the land of Shinar).



Then there is the Babylonian demon named Pazuz. It had the feet and wings of an eagle, the body of a man with claws for hands and a misshapen head. Figurines of Pazuz have been found in various archeological digs.

In other Babylonian reliefs they found demons pictured with lion heads. There was one who had horns and was thought to be a fierce female demon.

Jesus also likened serpents, scorpions, foxes, and birds to demonic spirits.⁴ Perhaps these demons are imaged as "wild beasts" because they share a nature that is common to their animal image or vice versa.

Think of the owl. It is a silent and deadly killer that comes out and attacks in the darkest of night. An owl is designed such that it can move silently through the air unnoticed by its prey until its talons are sunk deep into the flesh of its prey. Whereas a hawk simply tears the meat off its prey. An eagle, who is pound for pound one of the strongest animals, squeezes its prey with its powerful talons and strikes its prey with its beak to kill it. These are picturesque of the type of "wild beasts" that come

⁴ See **Matthew 13:4, Luke 9:58, 10:19**

against humanity to harm and terrify them.

This idea that we will not be afraid of wild beasts is more profound than it might otherwise seem. Yes, the demonic is scary and can even be terrifying, but those who find their refuge in in **Yahweh Nissi**, covered and protected by **Yahweh Magen (Yahweh who is our shield)**, will find that the Spirit causes them to not be afraid of all these crazy and terrifying wild beasts.

First, we have learned from **Hebrews 1:14** that *“they **now** are our servants, ministering spirits caused to being sent out to render service for the sake of those who **now** are **now** inheriting salvation.”* Yes, the angelic beings, these wild beasts, are simply our servants, and they are terrified of their Master **Yahweh Sabaoth (Yahweh of heavens armies)** who has taken up residency in our lives. They do not fear our flesh, they do not fear the **ME**, and they do not fear anything about humanity at large. But to the extent that we have been *willing* to let **Yahweh** possess our being, they remain subject to His mastery and are terrified of His presence in our lives.

Second, we have been learning that if God permits the evil ones to come into our lives, it is for His purpose, His “reasons,” as **Yahweh** uses them as tools to get at places in our lives, in the depths of our soul, that we would otherwise not grant Him access. In that light, we never need to be afraid of the wild beasts. We should know that if they manifest their presence to us, our focus needs to be on God who is giving us a signal that He desires to help us become *willing* to let Him transform another area of our lives.

Third, the Spirit of God has provisioned us for spiritual encounters such that in every encounter with spiritual forces of darkness we can stand and not be moved. We can be the victors simply by taking a stand and not retreating.

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, you are commanded to **now** be caused to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. You are commanded to choose to put on the full armor of God, so that you will **now** choose to be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

For our struggle **now** is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual wickedness in the heavenly.

Therefore, you are commanded to take up {or receive} the full armor of God, so that you may be caused to be able to resist in the evil day, and choosing to do everything, to stand firm.

You are commanded to stand firm therefore, choosing to be girding your loins with truth, and choosing to be putting on the breastplate of righteousness, and choosing to be shodding your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will in the **future** be able to extinguish all the arrows caused to be flaming of the evil.

And you are commanded to choose to take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which **now** is the word of God. With all prayer and petition choosing to now be praying at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **now** watching with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

The word translated as “struggle” (“pale” in the Greek) is to be understood as a wrestling match, a one-on-one struggle. We are not to run away from it, and we are not to pick the fight (for it will come to

us), but we are to be fully clothed in the armor which the Spirit provides and resist the evil by simply standing immovable.

In **1 Peter 5:9** we are commanded to resist or to oppose the devil firm in our faith. And **James 4:7** says *“You are commanded to be caused to submit therefore to God. You are commanded to resist the devil, and he will in the future choose to flee from you.”*

Tucked safely behind **Yahweh Magen**, who is our shield of faith, we are never to run from this sort of encounter, we are never to retreat, but we are empowered by the Spirit of God to resist and to stand. If we are willing to put on the full armor of God, we will have no need to be afraid of these wild beasts.

This idea then finishes with the following statement.

Job 5:23

For you will be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

Stones, Beasts & Peace

This section of our passage is much more apocalyptic in that it deals with a time which the scriptures have a lot to say, the time after Jesus Second Coming, the time after **THE** war and **THE** sword. It is also important to notice that in contrast with the “wild beasts” of **Job 5:22** (the demonic beings), this speaks of the “beasts of the field,” which is literally speaking of what we know as wild animals.

This idea of being “*in league with the stones of the field*” is a way of expressing that in that day no harm will be done. Job and his friends were desert people who tread through the rocky deserts, where the rocks would take their toll on their feet and make passage through any area quite difficult. But in that day, there literally will be a *covenant* with the rocks such that people can pass through without harm.

This time after **THE** war and **THE** sword is a time when God will call back His own people (those who He deems to be the “righteous,” in that they accept true believers, even care for them, and they do not follow the Beast (and his human avatar, the Antichrist).⁵

In **Hosea 2:19-20**, **Yahweh** says, *“I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know **Yahweh**.”*

And He promises something special in that day.

Hosea 2:18

In that day I will also make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds of the sky and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword and war from the land, and

⁵ See **Matthew 10:40, 25:31-46; Luke 9:48; John 13:20; Revelation 14:9-11**

will make them lie down in safety.

Isaiah 11:6-9

And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also, the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of **Yahweh** as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 65:24-25

It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says **Yahweh**.

Ezekiel 34:23-31

Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. And I, **Yahweh**, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I **Yahweh** have spoken.

I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. Also, the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land.

Then they will know that I am **Yahweh**, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid. I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore. Then they will know that I, **Yahweh** their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," declares **Yahweh** God.

There will be a day, after Jesus returns, after **THE** war and **THE** sword, where He rules and reigns on the earth for a thousand years.⁶ During this time, Satan will be bound in the Abyss and Jesus will fundamentally change the earth, its geology and its biology, such that those who survive this time will be in league with the stones of the field and the beasts of the field, for the animals will be at peace with them.

The picture of "being in league" and a resulting "peace comes from the Hebrew method of making a

⁶ See Revelation 20:2-6

covenant, where the parties would divide an animal in two, separate the pieces, and walk through the two separate pieces together forming a relationship of peace. In **THE** war, Jesus will slay the Beast, thereby making a unilateral covenant of peace for and on behalf of those who will live during this 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth.

Job 5:24

You will know that your tent {or tabernacle} is secure, for you will visit your abode and fear no loss.

The translation of this verse does not do the Hebrew justice, and it misses the mark. The Hebrew word translated as “secure” is “shalom” meaning peace. The word translated as “visit” means “to attend to, or to manage.” The Hebrew does not speak of fear, it is not in the text. And the word translated as “loss” is the word “hata” which is the word for sin, or missing the mark.

Combined, this might be better understood to say:

Job 5:24

You will know that your tent {or tabernacle} is peace, for you will oversee your abode and not sin.

This gets even more intriguing when we consider the word tent or tabernacle and how it is used in the New Testament (the Greek equivalent of the word “tabernacle”).

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

For we know that if the earthly tent {**tabernacle**} which is our house may be caused to be torn down, we **now** have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this we **now** groan, **now** longing to choose to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, in as much as we, have choose to be putting put it on, will not in the **future** be caused to be found naked. For indeed while we are **now** being in this tent {**tabernacle**}, we **now** groan, **now** caused to being burdened, because we do not want to **now** choose to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be caused to be swallowed up by life.

2 Peter 1:13-14

I **now** choose to consider it right, as long as I **now** am in this dwelling {**tabernacle**}, to **now** stir you by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my dwelling {**tabernacle**} is **now** imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

Peace

In these passages the word picture of a “tabernacle” refers to our physical being, our body, the temporary dwelling place for our soul and our spirit. So, merging these concepts, the Spirit is communicating that in our physical body, we can know peace, for **Yahweh Shalom** (**Yahweh** who is our peace) has not just extended His peace to us, but the one who is peace has made His own tabernacle within our being, His own Sanctuary or Holy Place.⁷ As such, we can oversee or manage our own abode, our body, and not miss the mark; yes, we can live in peace and not sin.

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been caused to being made right in God's sight by faith, we **now** have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we **now** choose to exult in hope of the glory of God.

The idea is that between us and God, the hostilities that kept us relationally separated have been resolved in Jesus Christ, such that we now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, for Christ died for sin once and for all. He died to bear the sins of man, and this act never needs to be repeated; it was once and it was for all.⁸ Being the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, sin as we understand it is no longer an issue between God and man.⁹

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Now all [these] things are from God, who having reconciled us to Himself through Christ and having gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ **now** reconciling the world to Himself, not **now** choosing to be counting their trespasses against them, and He has by choice been committing to us the word of reconciliation.

Those who choose to embrace this reconciliation are free to invite the God of peace into their being, and when He comes, He brings His character and nature of peace, that of **Yahweh Shalom**. Our peace with God comes by faith through grace, through what God has done for us and does for us, not through what we do to earn or create or even contribute to that peace. Our role is to now be believing that He is our source for all things all the time, including our peace, and to look to the **I AM** to be our peace.

No Sin?

Most seem to understand and to accept the idea that Jesus died to take away our sin, but He also nailed to the cross our certificate of debt comprised of every single hostile accusation that could ever be made against us by the spiritual rulers of this world. He made those hostile accusations null and void.

⁷ **John 14:23, 17:23; Galatians 2:20; Romans 8:9-11; Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 3:16-17.** For the presence of His Sanctuary or holy place, see **1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16**

⁸ **Romans 6:10; Hebrews 9:28**

⁹ John 1:29

Again, this means that the issue of sin is no longer an issue between us and God; we literally have peace.¹⁰ With this being the truth, it sure seems that it has yet to become our truth, for we spend way too much time obsessing on our sin and those of others.

As we have discussed, sin is now used as a tool by **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (**Yahweh** who makes us holy) and **Yahweh Qanna** (**Yahweh** who is jealous) to get us to understand the areas in our soul where we are still bound by fear such that our wrong belief and unbelief disrupt our ability to live in peace.

For example, our fears distort our understanding of the law and its applicability to our lives, such that we easily become entangled by religion and all manner of legalism. Surprisingly, the scriptures tell us that sin would not even be part of our lives if it was not for the law, for where there is no law there is no transgression.¹¹ Since Christ fulfilled the law on our behalf, the implication is that we can live transgression free.¹²

But this type of living is a journey whereby sin is used by God to pinpoint the areas of our life that He is ready to address, the area or areas that He wants to dominate. His goal is that in those areas of our life, we will have the chance to personally know Him by His various **Yahweh** names, so we won't be among those who hear those infamous and terrifying words, *"I never knew you."*¹³

Understood as a tool, as a spotlight, if you may, sin plays a very necessary part in breaking our delusion of goodness and our self-idolatry. It is hard to keep up the lie of our personal goodness when our sin is obvious to everyone, even to ourselves. At that point, we either double down in our own pride and arrogance or we start to let the Spirit of God cause us to become *willing* to let **Yahweh** into those places and let Him begin the transformation that comes by faith through grace.

As such, sin is never intended to dominate our being, it is just there to help us know where we are living in bondage, where the law dominates our thinking and our belief system, where we need to be willing to let **Yahweh** do the work to free us from the law so that we might live in our physical body in peace without sin, free from transgressions.

To many, this all sounds very "un-Christian" since overcoming sin, conquering sin, avoiding, and well sin in general tends to be a central focus of most Christian institutions. But consider this, either Jesus died for our sins and removed every transgression, or He didn't. And if He did, then we can live without carrying this impossible burden of trying to be free from sin. It is the job of **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** to separate us from our sin, in His timing according to His will.

"You will know that your tent {or tabernacle} is peace, for you will oversee your abode and not sin."

This idea is paralleled for us in **1 John**, in a passage that is very hard to understand (because it is very convoluted) and equally hard to accept in practice because the pathway to living in peace without sin requires us to be consumed into **Yahweh** (to be *"in Christ,"* to *"abide in Him"*), the one who is our peace; for in Him there now is no sin because He does not sin.

¹⁰ **Colossians 2:13-14; 1 John 3:5; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:26-28; Isaiah 53:4-6**

¹¹ **See Romans 4:15, 5:13-14, 7:7-11; 1 Corinthians 15:56; Galatians 3:19-24**

¹² Matthew 5:17; Romans 8:3-4, 10:4

¹³ **Matthew 7:23**

1 John 3:4-10

Everyone who is **now** practicing sin also **now** practices lawlessness; and sin **now** is lawlessness. You know that He was caused to appear in order that He might take away sins; **and in Him there now is no sin.**

No one who is **now** abiding in Him **now** sins; no one who is **now** sinning has seen Him or has known Him. Little children, make sure no one is commanded to **now** deceive you; the one who is **now** practicing righteousness is **now** righteous, just as He is **now** righteous; the one who is **now** practicing sin is **now** of the devil; for the devil **now** sins from the beginning. The Son of God was caused to appear for this purpose, that He may loosen {dissolve or break} the works of the devil.

No one who has been caused to being born of God **now** practices sin, because His seed **now** abides in him; and he cannot **now** choose to **now** sin, because he has been caused to have been born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are **now** obvious: anyone who is not **now** practicing righteousness is **now** not of God, nor the one who is not **now** loving {agape} his brother.

In Him there **now** is no sin! This holds the key to managing our abode and not sinning. We must be absolutely consumed in **Yahweh** so He can live His life, without sin, without transgression, in-and-through our bodies.

Let's stop here and we will pick up in our next episode with the Journey

I am glad you tuned in and have been ready to listen.