

In our last podcast, we discussed Eliphaz's prophetic statements that apply to our life now and some of which apply to the millennial kingdom, when Jesus rules and reigns on the earth. We were told that we will scoff at famine and violence and that we will not be afraid of "wild beasts," which is a euphemism for demonic spirits.

One of the most powerful statements was: in **Job 5:24**, "*You will know that your tent {or tabernacle} is peace, for you will oversee your abode and not sin.*" With tent being a metaphor for our physical bodies, this was a promise that **Yahweh Shalom, Yahweh** who is peace, will abide in our bodies, and when He is in control, when He reigns as our Lord, we will not sin because He does not sin.

In Him there **now** is no sin! This holds the key to managing our abode and not sinning. Living without sin is not about personal discipline, it is not about accountability, it is not about trying really hard; rather, we must be absolutely consumed in **Yahweh** so He can live His life, without sin, without transgression, in-and-through our bodies.

Let's pick back up in **EP24 Yahweh According to Job, Job 5:24-27**, with the journey that He must take us on to get us to the place where He lives a sinless life through in-and-through our bodies, where we *will oversee our abode and not sin*. In our last podcase we ended reading a very difficult but powerful passage in **1 John**. Let's read it once again.

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. This is the only way we can now practice righteousness, for He is righteousness and it is the only way we can love one another with God's agape love, for God is agape love.¹

The Journey

This text addresses everything about sin and sinning in the *present* tense, our reality now, and it readily uses the *participle* which communicates that which is ongoing, continual, a lifestyle of sin or in the alternative a lifestyle of righteousness. Given that context, let's revisit the truth that no one is good except

¹ **1 John 4:8, 16**

God alone.²

What most “Christians” do not realize, and this is a wildly “un-Christian” concept, but here goes, every time we are focused on not sinning, trying to live up to verses like **1 John 3:4-10**, trying so very hard to be good like God, and disciplining ourselves and holding ourselves accountable so we might be able to control what we do, we are *practicing sinning*, we are living a lifestyle of ongoing continual sin. We must never forget that there is only one who is good, there is only one who is without sin.³

The typical Christian approach of practicing personal discipline and accountability so we might be holy, while it might sound so wise and godly, is a work of the devil. Remember, it is the Satan who declared that with the work of his own hands, he will be like the Most High.⁴ When we are doing the “Christian” thing and trying so very hard to be good for God, we do not look like our father in heaven, rather we emulate the works of the devil, the one whose works Jesus came to loosen or break.⁵

The answer to this puzzle of “sin” is for us to run to **Yahweh** and simply be *willing* to let Him invade any-and-every part of our life that has resisted His rule and His possession. If we are *willing*, and that is a big “IF,” **Yahweh Qanna** (**Yahweh** who is jealous) and **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (**Yahweh** who makes us holy or sets us apart) will jump into action and start the divine conquest of replacing those broken and sick parts of our being with His beautiful presence of peace.

As He takes action to undo that which has dominated our lives (the various fears that are surrounded and protected by all our coping mechanisms), and as the ugliness of our sin begins to rise to the surface, He gives us the opportunity to see it all, to have our delusions of goodness and our victim mentality be forever busted, if we are *willing*. And if we are, then **Yahweh Tsidkenu** (**Yahweh** our righteousness) will come along side to assure us that our righteousness has always been, now is, and forevermore will be, found only in Him.

The truth is that He never expected us to be like Him; He has just always wanted us to let Him be to us who He says He is, the “**Haya**,” our **I AM**, so He can make us like Him. It is **Yahweh’s** job to cause us to share His nature and to make us like Him. There is nothing we can do in that regard other than let Him do His work, i.e., be *willing*, or said in Biblical language, to offer up ourselves as a living sacrifice acceptable unto God. That is our spiritual service of worship, for only He is the source of all our transformation.⁶

During this long and treacherous journey, **Yahweh Nissi** will be our banner our covering, our shade from the heat, the one to whom we are to run and hide. And despite the pain, the loneliness, the torment, the isolation, and the certain feeling that we have been abandoned by God, **Yahweh Shammah** will assure us that He is there, and there is nowhere that His is not, that there is nowhere and no time that we are without His presence.

Psalms 91:1-2

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of Almighty. This I declare

² **Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19**

³ **Matthew 19:17**

⁴ **Isaiah 14:12-15**

⁵ **Haggai 2:11-14; Revelation 9:20**

⁶ Romans 12:2: “transformed” is rendered in the passive voice, it is God’s responsibility. See also Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:16; Ephesians 4:23; Philippians 3:21; Colossians 3:10; 1 John 3:2, as all are similarly rendered in the passive voice.

about **Yahweh**: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.

This passage is clear that rest is found when we live in, abide in, the shelter of the Most High. As Jesus said, in **John 15:4-5** *"You are commanded to abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot **now** choose to **now** bear fruit of itself unless it may **now** abide in the vine, so neither you unless you may **now** abide in Me. I **now** am the vine, you are the branches; he who is **now** abiding in Me and I in him, he **now** bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can **now** choose to **now** do nothing."*

Learning to abide, to cling to the vine, is not automatic and it is not something that happens because we said the sinner's prayer. This is a journey of faith where we learn that He is safe and that He is worthy of our trust. This reminds me of a passage in **Isaiah** that seems to complete this thought.

Isaiah 8:13-14

It is **Yahweh Sabaoth (Yahweh of Heavens Armies)** whom you should be caused to regard as holy. And He your fear, and He caused to be your dread. Then He shall become a sanctuary....

This passage describes a profound journey, the end of which is **Yahweh** being our sanctuary, our place of refuge, literally our holy place, which speaks of that special dwelling place of God, the place in which only the priests of God may have access.⁷

As for us regarding God as "holy," the Spirit will be the impetus to our understanding how set apart **Yahweh** is from our nature, how He is, and there is no one or nothing like Him. The Spirit will cause us to understand and now be believing that He alone is Adonai, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and that nothing happens in our lives that does not originate in Him, and since He is *agape* love, all that He does in our lives is an expression of His divine love for us. This is our **WHY**, this is our reason to offer Him our *willingness*, which is the ultimate sign of a person who fears **Yahweh**.

"And He your fear" is singular and it is a noun, not a verb. As a noun, it is not something that we do, rather, as we are caused to regard **Yahweh** as holy, He will be our fear. As Jesus said in **Matthew 10:28**, *"You are commanded to not **now** choose to fear those who are **now** killing the body but are not **now** having the power to kill the soul; but rather you are commanded to **now** choose to be fearing Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

Perhaps we can best understand it that if we are *willing* to let the Spirit cause us to regard **Yahweh** as holy, then we will no longer fear men, we will no longer fear the system of men, the world, and we will no longer fear the Satan and all his cohort of demonic entities. Rather, our soul will be so attuned to **Yahweh** that He alone will possess our highest respect, admiration, loyalty, and consideration. He will be our fear. Consider what He explains in **Isaiah**.

Isaiah 51:12-15

I, I Myself, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of mortal man, And of a son of man [who] is made [like] grass, that you have forgotten **Yahweh** your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you fear continually all day long because of the

⁷ See 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22

fury of the oppressor, as he makes ready to destroy? And where is the rage of the oppressor? The exile will soon be set free, and will not die in the dungeon, nor will his bread be lacking. For I am **Yahweh** your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar (**Yahweh Sabaoth** is His name).

“... and *He caused to be your dead.*” The verb translated “dread” is in the Hebrew Hiphil, which leaves us with the notion that the Spirit of God will cause us to tremble before **Yahweh** understanding that He is a conquering King, not some passive spirit in the sky, and in His mercy He is set on conquering our nature so we might share His nature. This is the moment we realize that we’ve got to die to live and we’ve got to live to ever love with His *agape* love – to be a person in which He is free to express His nature.

During this journey, **Yahweh Yireh** (**Yahweh** our provider) will provide everything that we need for our transformation because **the source matters the source is everything!** According to **2 Peter 1:2-4**, all that we are and all that we need for life and godliness comes through the true knowledge of Jesus Christ. He must be our source for all things all the time.

He is, and He wants us to let Him be, our sole provision for life and godliness.⁸ And while we are feeling the most vulnerable, the most insecure, the most at risk, **Yahweh Magen** (**Yahweh** who is our shield or technically, our shield belongs to **Yahweh**) will provide the protection that we need and crave.⁹

Then **Yahweh Rapha** will start to heal our wounds as He extracts every fear so we might live without a shadow of shame, with no sin or transgression. As this occurs, **Yahweh Shalom** will start to spread His peace to every area of our life that we have been *willing* to let Him conquer and control.

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

We must remember that Jesus does not sin, He is set apart, He is holy. Therefore, when He is free to live His life in and through our bodies, we too will not sin.

Job 5:25

You will know also that your descendants will be many, and your offspring as the grass of the earth.

Given that Job just lost all his children, one would think that Eliphaz might be a little more sensitive bringing up this promise referencing descendants and offspring, but for Eliphaz that is just a bit too much to ask.

However, there is an application of this truth that applies to our children and the generations after them who benefit when we are *willing* to let the Spirit of God cause us to regard **Yahweh** as holy. In the same way that we pass down generational sin, we also pass down the blessings which God has bestowed upon us. After all, He promises to show lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Him.¹⁰

Deuteronomy 5:9-10

I, **Yahweh** your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the

⁸ **2 Peter 1:3-4**

⁹ **Psalm 89:18** (*this is one of the names of God that I just discovered, so cool!*)

¹⁰ **Exodus 34:7**

third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

In this prophetic statement, the Spirit of God is not addressing those who have children per se; rather, He is addressing our spiritual descendancy, the offspring that are born because of the seeds of faith that we deposit in this earth. Consider all those who have survived the treacherous journey of transformation by relying on the words and the faith of Job. His life and his belief that **Yahweh** is the absolute despotic Lord of all, the only one worthy, has breathed hope into a countless number of those who have and are now trusting **Yahweh** to be their source, their only source.

Isaiah 44:1-5

But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus says **Yahweh** who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you, 'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; and you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.'¹¹

For I will pour out water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring and My blessing on your descendants; and they will spring up among the grass like poplars by streams of water.' This one will say, 'I am **Yahweh's**'; and that one will call on the name of Jacob; and another will write on his hand, 'Belonging to **Yahweh**,' and will name Israel's name with honor.

Job 5:26

You will come to the grave in full vigor, like the stacking of grain in its season.

This was an individual prophecy that came to fruition, for Job died an old man full of days. We are not sure how old he was when this all started, but he lived an additional 140 years, had more children and saw four generations of grandchildren.¹²

In a similar fashion, Moses died full of vigor; and although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.¹³ Joshua, who led the advance into the Promised Land, was also strong and unabated throughout his years.¹⁴

Even through many failed attempts to kill the Apostle John, like boiling him in a wok of hot oil, it is rumored that he lived till he was around 100 years old, and he penned the **Revelation** somewhere between years 90-100 AD. During those years it is also said that he was still preaching the law of Christ: that we are commanded to *agape*, love, one another. This was John's way of exhorting us to make the treacherous journey through the transformation process, to let Christ have His divine conquest, such that the only one who is *agape* love is dominating and living in-and-through our lives.¹⁵

¹¹ "Jeshurun" means "upright one"

¹² ***Job 42:17***

¹³ ***Deuteronomy 34:7-8***

¹⁴ ***Joshua 14:11***

¹⁵ ***1 John 4:8, 16***

Job 5:27

Behold this; we have searched it, and so it is. Hear it and know for yourself.

All these statements in **Job 5:19-27** are prophetic truths, for they can be supported by other scriptures, and are therefore undistorted truth, which is far different than the twisted word he received from that demon telling Job that mankind cannot be just before God or pure before his Maker.

But as we stated at the beginning, in addressing “the problem with prophets,” Eliphaz’s intentions in bringing these truths to Job are not honorable. Eliphaz is not purposing to encourage Job in his faith, but he fundamentally just wants Job to give up any fight or complaint, admit his guilt, and repent to **Yahweh**. Eliphaz implies that if he truly repents, then it will all be better. In application, Eliphaz corrupts these truths with what he believes to be true about the if/then God. This will come out in an uglier fashion the next time Eliphaz lectures Job on his sin, claiming Job argues with worthless talk and words that are not profitable.

Prophecy is beautiful and a wonderful gift from the Spirit of God, but when misused, when misapplied, when misunderstood, it can bind people with cords of legalism and religious distortions under which God never intended them to live. God revealed some amazing truths to Eliphaz, and he spoke prophetically of so many beautiful promises of which **Yahweh** desires us to bet our lives upon. But Eliphaz lacks wisdom and compassion when it comes to the application of these truths.

When it comes to revelations from God (whether through His word or through a prophetic utterance), remember that knowledge is never enough, the wisdom of God is always needed to discern His words and meaning accurately.

**Knowledge knows a tomato is a fruit
but wisdom knows never to put a tomato in a fruit salad.**

Let’s stop here and we will pick back up in Job 6 as Job responds to Eliphaz.

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