

## Revisiting KS Foundational Truths: Part 1

### SUCCESS:

*IS NOT* measured by what we are. *IT IS* measured by what we are compared to what we could be in *Yah*.

*IS NOT* measured by what we do. *IT IS* measured by what we do compared to what we could be doing w/ *Yah*.

### INTRODUCTION:

I shared on November 23, 2024, that the Almighty is urging me to revisit fundamentals in the hope of each and everyone of us examining ourselves and our situations and us moving toward resolution and victory. The majority of us have come from a Christian/Church (or a Synagogue/Jewish) background to Messianic Judaism and we have all discovered the truth of *Jeremiah 16:19* (“<sup>19</sup>*Adonai, my strength, my stronghold, my refuge in the day of affliction, to You will the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, futility and useless things.*”) becoming a reality in our lives. We are all at different stages of the spectrum of where we were in our past life to a living a true Biblical lifestyle. Some of us are at the 25%, some 40% some 75% and some 90% and it is time to get to the success stage. As I present these matters, the question should be *Lord where am I in the journey/scale? What else Lord do you want me change?* We are clay in *Yeshua’s* (who is the potter) hands. We are desirous to grow into maturity and live a *Spirit-Led Full life*.

*No one* in *KS* is exempt. We are all flesh trying to grow into Spiritual Beings. Do not be stuck in what you learned in the past but be open to what *Yeshua* and the *Spirit* reveal today. Ask *Yah Adonai* to *show me my weaknesses*. Do not fall into the trap of hiding your weaknesses and succumbing to pride. *Luke 12:3-4* is always operating in the *Body of Messiah*. *Are you hiding your weaknesses and sins? From whom? Yah Adonai* said it will be shouted publicly and *it will happen*. We are foolish to thinking that it will not. Satan knows Scripture well and he uses *Yah Adonai’s Word* at the time (*timing*) where he can bring the *greatest destruction, fall, injury, etc.* Don’t wait and repent now, even today, and start recovery before it gets *shouted from the rooftop*.

### RESPONDING TO ENEMIES – HOW CLOSE ARE OUR NATURAL INCLINATIONS TO SCRIPTURE?

Our ways are not *Yah Adonai’s* ways and our thoughts are not *Yah Adonai’s* thoughts: “<sup>8</sup>*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways.*” *It is a declaration of Yah Adonai.* “<sup>9</sup>*For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts*” (*Is. 55:8-9*). Our response(s) when we are attacked (*scrutinized or criticized*) provides a very good example of *our natural inclinations leading us to a path that leads to death*. “<sup>12</sup>*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death*” (*Prov. 14:12*). *Yah Adonai*’ has his own ways of revenge: “*Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says Yah Adonai*” (*see Ro. 12:15-21*).

- When we are attacked *our first reaction is to defend ourselves*: “*The first to state his case seems just, until another comes and cross-examines him*” (*Prov. 18:17*). But *Yah Adonai* tells us to thoroughly examine ourselves to find our *blind spots*. “*For if we would examine ourselves thoroughly, we wouldn’t be coming under judgment*” (*1 Cor. 11:31*).
- When we defend ourselves by attacking back (*since we are the ‘righteous ones’*) our foe will almost always plan revenge (*he has more problems than just me*). *Our natural inclination is to discredit him*. Immediately, his friends tell me things (*secrets*) about him. “*Never seek revenge, my friends; instead, leave that to Yah’s anger; for in the Tanakh it is written,*” *Yah Adonai says, Vengeance is my responsibility; I will repay.*” (*Romans 12:19*) *What we are supposed to do is discover their needs and minister to them*: “*Brothers, suppose someone is caught doing something wrong. You who have the Spirit should set him right, but in a spirit of humility, keeping an eye on yourselves so that you won’t be tempted too. Bear one another’s burdens - in this way you will be fulfilling the Torah’s true meaning, which the Messiah upholds*” (*Gal. 6:1-2*).
- What happens next is totally unexpected—*he prospers!* Our reaction: “*Adonai, You’re blessing the wrong one!*” Our response? *We become envious (Ps 73)*. Instead we should be rejoicing in *Yah Adonai’s* goodness when *He withholds from anybody what we really deserve*: “*Or perhaps you despise the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience; because you don’t realize that Yah Adonai’s kindness is intended to lead you to turn from your sins*” (*Ro. 2:4*).
- However, it is not long when *he encounters real problems (after all, he had big problems)*. So what do we do? *We rejoice!* But it is written *Don’t laugh when Yah Adonai spans or He will stop the spanking*: “*Don’t rejoice when your enemy falls; don’t let your heart be glad when he stumbles. For Yah Adonai might see it, and it would displease him; he might withdraw his anger from your foe*” (*Prov. 24:17-18*). What we are supposed to do is to *quickly meet his needs* “*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing this, you will heap fiery coals of shame on his head.*” *Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good*” (*Ro. 12:20-21*).

- Let us suppose that our enemy is convicted as a result of your good toward him? What is our response now? *A holier than thou attitude — we cover up our problems.* Yeshua said: *"For the way you judge others is how you will be judged - the measure with which you measure out will be used to measure to you"* (see Matt. 7:2). Scripture tells us to be *more than conquerors or super-conquerors* through *Messiah Yeshua who strengthens us* (see Ro. 8:37).

*So our natural inclinations, our human way is not Yah's way! Therefore we almost always react in a way that is contrary to Scripture. In this season we need to rework the way we react. Let us pray...*

**DISCERNING LEVELS OF CONFLICT**

Nearly all conflicts that we see in ourselves come from violating *Yah Adonai's Principles* which are given to us in Scripture. Yes Virginia, Scripture has the all the answers. A wise Believer understands there are *levels of conflict* and is therefore able to help other people with their problems and even lead them to salvation. A wise minister (you are a leader/minister) is able to see life from *four levels or perspectives*. These roughly correspond to the physical (body), psychological or soul (mind, will and emotions), and spiritual. The *visible actions* of a person are not the real problem, but rather the *symptoms of much deeper conflict*. The basis of the *Discerning Levels of Conflict Chart* is strictly Scriptural and is one of your greatest tools for ministering to others. *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"* (1 John 2:16). *"For the message about the execution-stake is nonsense to those in the process of being destroyed, but to us in the process of being saved it is the power of Yah Adonai and the wisdom of Yah Adonai"* (1 Cor. 1:18)

<b>DISCERNING LEVELS OF CONFLICT</b>			
<b>Surface Problems</b> (Visible Actions)	Wrong Clothes Broken Vows Profanity Dishonesty Disrespect Debt Runaways Wrong Music Bad Habits Arguments		
<b>Surface Causes</b> (Attitudes)	Inferiority Anger Fear - Worry Rebellion Envy - Jealousy Boredom Insecurity Guilt Frustration Impetuosity		
<b>Root Problems</b> (Character)	Bitterness	Temporal Values (Greed)	Moral Impurity
<b>Root Cause</b> (Wrong response to God)	Resisting God's grace – Heb. 12:15 (Grace requires humility – Jas. 4:6) Violating Scriptural principles Design Authority Responsibility Suffering Ownership Freedom Success		

*We Need the Wisdom of Yah Adonai! Shabbat Shalom! Let us pray...*