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## THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

A Holy Spirit-guided/empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.



### Abraham's Obedience to God's *Rhema* Was Righteousness

Please discuss this Nugget as we review the foundations of the Older Testament and the inspiring examples of Abraham, David and others who heard God's *rhema* and obeyed.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

The truths we share with you encompass what our heavenly Father commanded us to call ***"the Hebraic Restoration"***. They are established on the foundations of the Older Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures. But these truths are totally incompatible with the anti-Semitic theology that prevails in nominal Christianity. That's why the influence of Christianity at large has grown increasingly ineffectual over the centuries as European theologians downplayed the paramount importance of the Older Testament. Especially consequential for Christians today has been their elimination of the indispensable example of Abraham's life for the *genuinely* born again.



The Older Testament commends Abraham because he ***"trusted God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"*** (Genesis 15:6; see also Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23). The patriarch's trust was demonstrated in his obedience to God's specific *rhema* for him. And because Abraham's obedience was so treasured by God, he was called ***"God's friend"*** (2Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23). God thought so much of Abraham that He entrusted him with His future plans: God ***"announced the gospel in advance to Abraham,***



***saying, 'In you shall all the nations be blessed'"*** (Galatians 3:8). As a result of this obedient trust, Abraham is the physical ancestor of our Lord Jesus and is also the father of the *genuinely* born again (see Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:7). Apart from our Lord Jesus, Abraham's life is the *genuine's* prime biblical example of trusting and obeying Father's will (see Matthew 7:21).

It's essential to your own way of life in following Jesus as Lord that you perceive Abraham's life of hearing and doing God's will as your example: ***"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word [rhema] that proceeds from the mouth of God"*** (Matthew 4:4). The word "proceeds" is in the continuous present tense; it's ongoing. Another way to phrase this is, ***"We must continuously seek and obey the Holy Spirit's voice."*** Relying on the Spirit's *rhema* is what gathering manna was for the Israelites during the Exodus: ***"He gave you manna to eat in the desert... to humble and to test you, to do you good in the end"*** (Deuteronomy 8:16). But waiting for Holy Spirit guidance is humbling to the **quick-to-rationalize sin nature** of humanity (see Galatians 5:17).

In reference to God speaking, the Bible uses two Greek terms which in English mean "word":

- **Logos** [LAH-goss] represents God's unique ways and thoughts, forever unchangeable. The Bible is that part of God's *logos* that's been written down for mankind. Among other things, it conveys His general requirements in order for people to live righteously in His sight.

- **Rhema** (RAY-muh) is a specific revelation that's given directly and individually by the Holy Spirit to a follower of our Lord Jesus. It may be  a portion of Scripture that He quickens as guidance. Or, it may be revelation through  prophecy, or  a word of knowledge, or  a word of wisdom that the Spirit imparts as specific direction—a bite-size divine guidance for you to obey. Keep in mind that without the indwelling Holy Spirit, there can be no *rhema*.



**You demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus in your life when you obey the *rhema* that His Spirit reveals to you.**

***“Denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ”*** (Jude 4).

When we told a certain religious leader what our Father had revealed to us in Israel about the *genuinely* born again trusting in the Lordship of Jesus in loving obedience, he spouted, **“We can’t have our people trusting Jesus as you write about. That would cause mayhem! We need to control and direct the spiritual activities of the people in our congregation!”** Subjugating congregants through control and direction has been voiced to us by other religious leaders too. Why do they think this way? It’s the result of centuries of **Nicolaitanism** – domination by professional clergy, a pattern which was adapted from Hellenist/Roman paganism (see Revelation 2:6,15). Nicolaitanism has been kept going and expanded through centuries of support by anti-Semitic theology. (For more please read: [\*I Hate Nicolaitanism\*](#) or, [\*God’s Clergy-less Kingdom\*](#)).

Many in the clergy system today deny that the Holy Spirit is still guiding the born again through *rhema*. They teach that everything our Lord wants Christians to know is contained in the written *logos* via their specific denominational/sectarian interpretation of it. So instead of encouraging congregants to personally seek and obey the Spirit’s *rhema*, they imprison them through ceaseless study of the *logos* – Bible study and more Bible study – but rarely emphasize applying our Lord’s logos to their lives. Sadly, a large number of clergy in nominal Christianity also deny that the Spirit still apportions spiritual gifts (see 1Corinthians 12:1-11).

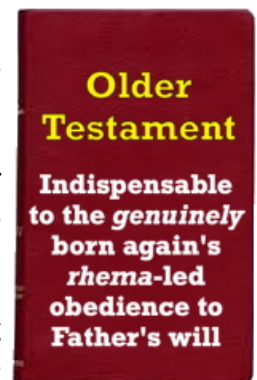


You will know **if** your faith community has a true biblical shepherd/teacher serving our Father’s purposes when he is encouraging you to use the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has given you. Authentic equipping is ensuring that everybody is doing their part in fulfilling Father’s will out of loving trust. In the footsteps of Abraham, a biblical shepherd/teacher is commanded to *“be an example to the flock”* (1Peter 5:3). The pivotal example is to lead the way as patterned by Abraham, Moses and David – ***hearing and obeying God’s voice***.

***“You shall be holy, for I am holy”*** (Leviticus 11:45)

(See also Ephesians 1:4; 1Peter 1:15.)

Keep in mind that holiness isn’t found through a particular religious occupation. Rather, the Father who called you to be in Christ has commanded you to be holy in all you do by being in the center of His will. This is true holiness, and is first communicated to God’s own in the Older Testament. So think about our Father’s perspective when you choose to not fervently explore how He has revealed Himself and His will in the 39 books of the Older Testament. His glorious power accompanied His *rhema* which He gave to those He chose to fulfill His purposes. And everything you read in those texts offers an element about God’s Person and unfathomable ways which inspires in the *genuine* an awe-some regard, deep appreciation, holy fear and worshipful love.



**Why would you not want to internalize in your heart and mind all you can of this amazing God — unless you’ve been deceived by those who’ve taught you that the Older Testament is irrelevant for Christians today?**

**Keep in mind this essential truth.** Every quoted verse you read in the Newer Testament is drawn from the Older Testament—and each quote represents far more than just that one verse or brief passage. From a Hebraic perspective, you need to examine the whole context of that Older Testament quote. That’s because God is the One Who breathed out all of Scripture to the writers.

And when Paul wrote 2Timothy 3:16,17, the only “Scripture” was the Older Testament: “ALL Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, in order that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” If the Hebrew Scriptures were profitable to followers of Jesus 2000 years ago, don’t you need the same teaching, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness as they did to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work”?

***“For you are a people set apart as holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession” (Deuteronomy 7:6)***

It’s vital for your own walk of living “set apart as holy” in union with Christ to understand God’s purposes for choosing Israel as recorded in the Older Testament. God set apart Israel as a specific people descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to be His own beloved treasure to represent Him to the rest of the nations. To Israel He undeniably manifested His glory and power as well as His specific promises of blessing and curses in that relationship. That’s why Paul in 2Corinthians 6:14-16 could so pointedly differentiate the vast disparity between 👍 living set apart as holy in Christ and 👎 giving way to the corrupt values and ways of the world.

From our Father’s holy point of view there can’t be: •any partnership between righteousness vs lawlessness; •any fellowship between light vs darkness; •any agreement between Christ vs Belial (a reference to the devil or worthless evil); •anything in common between believers vs unbelievers; •any union between the temple of God vs idols. God doesn’t intend for the genuine to blend together or mingle with any sort of worldliness or unrighteousness. As with Israel of old, He has called the genuine to be holy and set apart for His use (see 1Peter 1:15,16, apperceived from Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7. These are commands God has given for those He has chosen because HE is holy).

❌❌ Because of the widespread influence of Humanism in Christianity (and the ongoing need to keep the people in pews happy because they pay the bills), many clergy are totally “**inclusive**” about who is part of their congregation. Anyone who wants to attend is welcomed even if they intend to keep sinning and serving the “god of this world.”

But that “permissive” approach is not what the Bible declares regarding our holy and awesome God and who He welcomes into His presence! We who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit are the temple of the living God Who promised in the Hebrew Scriptures to  dwell among His own and to be their God. (Those are promises apperceived for us today from Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 32:38, and Ezekiel 37:27.) And what is our God-commanded responsibility as Father’s own beloved in Christ because of these amazing promises?



“*Therefore come out from the midst of them and be separated,’ says the Lord, ‘and do not touch an unclean thing. And I will receive you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,’ says the Lord Almighty” (quoted by Paul in 2Corinthians 6:17,18 from the wondrous promise made to His people Israel in Isaiah 52:11 and 2Samuel 7:14).*

Did you catch the intent behind these commands quoted by the apostle from the Older Testament to followers of Jesus? We who have been graced by our Father to have His Spirit dwelling within us through Christ are commanded to live accordingly in this Father/child love relationship. That means “purifying ourselves from everything that defiles body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2Corinthians 7:1, literal). Again, the focus is on Who this Almighty, all-powerful and yes, all-loving God is — the only Lord Who is worthy of obedient trust and love.

***“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion”***

(Hebrews 3:15).



It's important for you to recognize that because of your sin nature, the *genuine* can be plagued by rebellion. The prophet Samuel warned King Saul, *“Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry”* (1Samuel 15:23). Rebellious disregard for God's specific word to



him through Samuel drove King Saul to pursue witchcraft. Rebellion and witchcraft are interconnected today as well! In particular these displays of the sin nature harass Christians who refuse to humble themselves to seek *rhema* from the Holy Spirit and obey divine revelation. Self-will reigns!

In Galatians 5:19-21 Paul lists numerous sinful actions that are abhorrent to our Father, warning that *“those who practice such things will NOT INHERIT the kingdom of God.”* If you are *genuine*, you need to be especially wary of **idolatry** and **witchcraft**. You may unwittingly have given way to rebellious SELF-idolatry in enacting your own will rather than God's will. We're warned that in his rebellion Lucifer sought to be worshipped like God (Isaiah 14:13,14). And God warned Ezekiel about the Israelites setting up *“idols in their hearts”* (Ezekiel 14:3-8). Many today who call themselves Christian have *idols in their hearts* which separate them from wholehearted devotion to God. Remember, heart idols aren't based on the things you have. Rather, your emotional attachment to them and your motive for having them is what God declares as idolatrous.

Idolatry isn't confined to veneration of icons or images portraying religious figures. Idolatry means that you have extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone alongside our Lord or greater than you have for our Lord (see Deuteronomy 6:5; apperceived in Matthew 22:37. To better understand the intensity in which our Lord wants preeminence in the lives of His followers, see Matthew 10:37). Here's an example of idolatry which might startle you:

While conducting an adult retreat several years ago Mike was prompted by the Holy Spirit to ask, “Who do you worship at your church?” The first response was, “God, of course!” But after a few moments of silence, someone spoke up. “Actually, we worship our pastor's sermon because that's what he worships.” Everyone else nodded in agreement. A few days later Mike spoke to that pastor about the comment. He, too, agreed with their observation but didn't make any noticeable changes. He lasted just a few more months in that congregation before he was removed from his position.

Let's look at how rebellion can be affecting your relationship with our Lord. Rebellious disregard for God's guidance is the desire to manipulate things around you outside the will of our Lord. Be mindful that if you're *genuine*, you are capable of living in rebellion toward our Father. But you may not see yourself as being rebellious. This is especially true if you're not following Jesus as Lord of your life and being guided by His Spirit. You're being rebellious in doing your own will rather than seeking and obeying the Spirit's *rhema*, God's specific will for you.

Your self-will is grievous for two reasons. **First**, in being rebellious in doing what you want, Father doesn't get any glory from having been involved. **Second**, you can't bear witness to the *rhema* you received and obeyed. Through your choice to rebel, the unbelievers around you are losing out because they aren't hearing about a living, interactive God Who guides and empowers those He chooses for His purposes — often in the face of the impossible which only He can change!



You can recognize the rebellious because they eagerly spout Bible verses at unbelievers. But they have no testimony concerning the *rhema* they received and how they were blessed in their obedient trust. Our God is still speaking today! And any *genuinely* born again person who is unwilling to hear His Spirit and obey is rebellious.

***“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left” (Isaiah 30:21).***

We’d like to close with a few examples from the Older Testament that should be foundational for your own life if you’re *genuine*. King David was a man after God’s own heart who sought His specific guidance for his battles. When the Philistines attacked Israel, *“David inquired of the Lord, ‘Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will You hand them over to me?’ The Lord answered him, ‘Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you”* (2 Samuel 5:19). On another occasion when the Philistines attacked, David again prayed and this time God gave him a different specific strategy, *“And when David inquired of the LORD, He said, ‘You shall not go up; go around to their rear, and come against them opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then rouse yourself, for then the LORD has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines”* (see 2 Samuel 5:23,24). This unceasing trust in the Spirit’s guidance which results in obedient follow through should describe all the *genuine*!

Think about all the prophets who are listed in the Older Testament as having spoken forth the *rhema* God had given them. Many delivered God’s messages at the cost of their lives, a reality which Jesus sorrowfully lamented: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!”* (Luke 13:34). Should any of the *genuinely* born again have less courage than a prophet of old had? Consider the holy boldness of those whose faith is highlighted in Hebrews 11. And ask yourself if your trust in Jesus as Lord of your life would correspond with that of our brothers and sisters in Revelation 12:1: *“They triumphed over [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*

Finally, please pause here to examine your own heart’s authenticity in your love for our Father and His Son Jesus. There’s such a wealth of detailed accounts of our God that are recorded in the Older Testament as well as in the Newer, and of the way of life that pleases Him for you as His child in Jesus our Lord. WHY would you ever skip over such a treasure of history, prophecies, and clearcut evidences of the One Who was, Who is, and Who is to come? Prayerfully and appreciatively come to the WHOLE written Word of God and drink from its fountain of refreshment and admonition and grace — because of WHO has breathed it out for you to breathe in!