

Are you a motzi sheim ra, Speading Lashon Ha-ra

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This teaching contains excerpts from four newsletters on the topic of Lashon Hara'. I hope you enjoy this cohesive teaching.

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

Newsletter 5847-047 – Feb 11, 2012

Over the past year a very strange thing has happened to me.

I would never have guessed this would take place had I not seen it with my own eyes.

I have received a steady supply of vicious and evil email.

I would understand it if it came from those who do not believe. In fact I expect it from them. But the emails I am getting are coming from those who use the name and keep the Sabbath and Holy Days. From those who are supposed to be brethren.

Yehshua said Mat 7:15 “But beware of the false prophets,¹ who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. Footnote: ¹See v. 23 16 “By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit.

You will know them by their fruit.

I have considered posting their evil diatribes but I am not going to expose you all on Shabbat to such wicked attitudes. And some of them come from those that call themselves leaders.

You will know them by their fruit.

And why have these people chosen to write me with such venom? Is it to show me by the scriptures that what I have said is wrong? No that is not it.

Is it to prove the Sabbatical years that we teach here to be in error? Again no as they do not even mention this, which is what most of the Newsletters revolve around.

Almost 100% of the hate email I get is a personal attack on me. On my history of where I went to church in the past, on the way I do not say the name correctly as they do, and on a whole host of imagined erroneous thinking they have conjured up on me. They have tried to accuse me of many things. Actually baiting me to respond in kind.

And when you go to their web sites you see them attacking almost every person who is teaching the best they can. Accusing each leader of this or that and the only one teaching the absolute truth is themselves.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in the heaven, "Now have come the deliverance and the power and the reign of our Elohim,¹ and the authority of His Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been thrown down.

Footnote: ¹See 11:15.

Satan and about one third of the angels with him have just one job. To accuse you of all the wrong you have done before Yehovah. How many of you have joined up with Satan and begun accusing the brethren? You point the finger and wage your heads thinking yourselves better than everyone else. Be very careful when you do this. Be very careful.

Many of those who are doing this evil tongue waging are also striving to be most like what they believe being Jewish to be. Jewish wanabees but they are not Jewish. No these people were some sort of Christian faith a number of years back and have now seen the errors of their ways. But unless everyone is the exact same way as they are then they have this right to verbally attack and slander them or gossip about them.

Jas 3:3 Look, we put bits in the mouths of horses, for them to obey us, and we turn their body. 4 Look at the ships too: although they are so big and are driven by strong winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot intends. 5 So too the tongue is a little member, yet boasts greatly. See how a little fire kindles a great forest! 6 And the tongue is a fire, the world of unrighteousness. Among our members the tongue is set, the one defiling the entire body, and setting on fire the wheel of life, and it is set on fire by Gehenna. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man is able to tame the tongue. It is unruly, evil, filled with deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Elohim and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of Elohim. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be so. 11 Does the fountain send forth the sweet and the bitter from the same opening? 12 My brothers, is a fig tree able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? So neither is a fountain able to make salt and sweet water. 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by his good behaviour his works in meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast against and lie against the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed. 17 But the wisdom from above is first clean, then peaceable, gentle, ready to obey, filled with compassion and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

You can find on the web sites of these people the names of many of the Messianic leaders who have taught you many things. You will find these critics are not afraid to let their tongues ignite many fires without remorse and to slander everyone they do not agree with.

And when you go to their web sites you will see they attack many others. And as you have just read in James 3:15 this is demonic and not what Brethren should be found doing or spreading and forwarding to others.

John agrees with James as to where this sort of evil comes from. Yes this very same evil that Supposedly Brethren are spewing out of their own mouths and on their own web sites.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

And from our very own Torah portion which we did last week we have this gem.

Pro 26:18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, 19 Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!" 20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. 21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife. 22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body. 23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross. 24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; 25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; 26 Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly. 27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Where there is no wood the fire goes out. If you do not listen to those who spew out hate then they will have no one to keep telling it to. By listening to them or forwarding on their hatred you become the wood that keeps their fire going.

Newsletter 5851-043 – Dec 26, 2015

Lashon Hara

Teaching the Truth about the Laws of Yehovah comes at a price that I am often a victim of.

Many people hate you for doing and for exposing their sins to themselves and to the world. Once you expose someone's sins they either repent and change or they attack you and begin to slander your name in order to justify their own non repentance. It is the nature of this job.

There are many of you today who used to do that very thing. You would write me and curse me when I told you that your spreading of conspiracy lies and stories was a sin. The more I exposed the false teaching of chem trails and the Illuminati or how each of the presidents of this or that country are the anti-christ, the more offended some people became and then they attacked me. Now those very same people have admitted their guilt and repented and apologized to me.

What would have happened had I written their names with those exposes?

Others are studying into the false teachings of the lunar Sabbath. They then write me to check out what they have learned. When I expose this false teaching they then turn on me and begin to curse me out and write to others about me being a false teacher because I do not agree with them. After all they have studied into this a great deal. What do I know?

Again after some time many of these people repent from the error of this false teaching and return to the Torah and apologize to me. What would have happened had I retaliated and attacked them on a personal level?

Today there are many and even some of you reading this who are upset with me for exposing the false teachings of the lighting of candles on Sabbath and the false teaching of Chanukah on the 25th of the 9th month and or about Christmas being pagan.

Right now some have begun a letter writing campaign calling me a false teacher and a liar for saying this and other things. Should I retaliate and expose them for the lies they are spreading? What good would it do for them once they do repent down the road? So I am not going to expose those doing this at this time. I will let them continue to spread the lies about me that they seek to do and to which a number of you have written me about telling me that I have to repent.

Brethren there are a couple of scriptures to keep in mind in all of this.

Lev 25:17 And you shall not oppress one another. But you shall fear your God. For I am Jehovah your God.

Lev 25:17 And ye shall not wrong one another; but thou shalt fear thy God; for I am the LORD your God.

I am now going to quote from Judaism 101:

<http://www.jewfaq.org/speech.htm>

Speech and Lashon Ha-Ra

Level: Intermediate

Gossip and slander are serious sins in Judaism

- Judaism forbids causing any deception or embarrassment through speech
- It is forbidden even if the statement is true
- There are some exceptions that allow tale-bearing

When non-observant people talk about how difficult it is to observe Jewish law, they usually mention the difficulty of observing Shabbat or keeping kosher or other similarly detailed rituals. Yet the laws that are most difficult to keep, that are most commonly violated even by observant Jews, are the laws regarding improper speech. This is a very important area of Jewish law; entire books have been written on the subject.

The Power of Speech

Judaism is intensely aware of the power of speech and of the harm that can be done through speech. The rabbis note that the universe itself was created through speech. Of the 43 sins enumerated in the Al Cheit confession recited on Yom Kippur, 11 are sins committed through speech. The Talmud tells that the tongue is an instrument so dangerous that it must be kept hidden from view, behind two protective walls (the mouth and teeth) to prevent its misuse.

The harm done by speech is even worse than the harm done by stealing or by cheating someone financially: money lost can be repaid, but the harm done by speech can never be repaired. For this reason, some sources indicate that there is no forgiveness for lashon ha-ra (disparaging speech). This is probably hyperbole, but it illustrates the seriousness of improper speech.

A Chasidic tale vividly illustrates the danger of improper speech: A man went about the community telling malicious lies about a rabbi. Later, the man realized the wrong he had done, and began to feel remorse. He went to the rabbi and begged his forgiveness, saying he would do anything he could to make amends. The rabbi told the man, “Take a feather pillow, cut it open, and scatter the feathers to the winds.” The man thought this was a strange request, but it was a simple enough task, and he did it gladly. When he returned to tell the rabbi that he had done it, the rabbi said, “Now, go and gather the feathers. Because you can no more make amends for the damage your words have done than you can recollect the feathers.”

Speech has been compared to an arrow: once the words are released, like an arrow, they cannot be recalled, the harm they do cannot be stopped, and the harm they do cannot always be predicted, for words like arrows often go astray.

Tale-Bearing

There are two mitzvot in the Torah that specifically address improper speech: Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people (Lev. 19:16), and ye shall not wrong one another (Lev. 25:17, which according to tradition refers to wronging a person with speech).

Tale-bearing is, essentially, any gossip. The Hebrew word for tale-bearer is “rakhil” (Reish-KafYod-Lamed), which is related to a word meaning trader or merchant. The idea is that a tale-bearer is like a merchant, but he deals in information instead of goods. In our modern “Information

Age,” the idea of information as a product has become more clear than ever before, yet it is present even here in the Torah.

It is a violation of this mitzvah to say anything about another person, even if it is true, even if it is not negative, even if it is not secret, even if it hurts no one, even if the person himself would tell the same thing if asked! It is said that the telling of gossip leads to bloodshed, which is why the next words in the Torah are “you shall not stand aside while your fellow’s blood is shed.” The story of Do’eig the Edomite (I Samuel Chs. 21-22) is often used to illustrate the harm that can be done by tale-bearing. Do’eig saw Achimelekh the Kohein give David bread and a sword, a completely innocent act intended to aid a leading member of Saul’s court. Do’eig reported this to Saul. Do’eig’s story was completely true, not negative, not secret, and Achimelekh would have told Saul exactly the same thing if asked (in fact, he did so later). Yet Saul misinterpreted this tale as proof that Achimelekh was supporting David in a rebellion, and proceeded to slaughter all but one of the kohanim at Nob.

The person who listens to gossip is even worse than the person who tells it, because no harm could be done by gossip if no one listened to it. It has been said that lashon ha-ra (disparaging speech) kills three: the person who speaks it, the person who hears it, and the person about whom it is told. (Talmud Arachin 15b).

In Jewish law, all things are considered to be secret unless a person specifically says otherwise. For this reason, you will note that in the Torah, G-d constantly says to Moses, “Speak to the Children of Israel, saying:” or “Speak to the Children of Israel and tell them:” If G-d did not specifically say this to Moses, Moses would be forbidden to repeat his words! Nor is there any time-limit on secrets. The Talmud tells the story of a student who revealed a secret that he had heard 22 years earlier, and he was immediately banished from the house of study! (Talmud Sanhedrin 31a)

The gravest of these sins of tale-bearing is lashon ha-ra (literally, “the evil tongue”), which involves discrediting a person or saying negative things about a person, even if those negative things are true. Indeed, true statements are even more damaging than false ones, because you can’t defend yourself by disproving the negative statement if it’s true! Some sources indicate that lashon ha-ra is equal in seriousness to murder, idol worship, and incest/adultery (the only three sins that you may not violate even to save a life).

It is forbidden to even imply or suggest negative things about a person. It is forbidden to say negative things about a person, even in jest. It is likewise considered a “shade of lashon ha-ra” to say positive things about a person in the presence of his enemies, because this will encourage his enemies to say negative things to contradict you!

One who tells disparaging things that are false is referred to as a motzi sheim ra, that is, one who spreads a bad report. This is considered the lowest of the low.

It is generally not a sin to repeat things that have been told “in the presence of three persons.” The idea is that if it is told in the presence of three persons, it is already public knowledge, and no harm

can come of retelling it. However, even in this case, you should not repeat it if you know you will be spreading the gossip further.

When Tale-Bearing is Allowed

There are a few exceptional circumstances when tale-bearing is allowed, or even required. Most notably, tale-bearing is required in a Jewish court of law, because it is a mitzvah to give testimony and that mitzvah overrides the general prohibition against tale-bearing. Thus, a person is required to reveal information, even if it is something that was explicitly told in confidence, even if it will harm a person, in a Jewish court of law.

A person is also required to reveal information to protect a person from immediate, serious harm. For example, if a person hears that others are plotting to kill someone, he is required to reveal this information. That is another reason why the commandment not to go about as a tale-bearer is juxtaposed with “you shall not stand aside while your fellow’s blood is shed.”

In limited circumstances, one is also permitted to reveal information if someone is entering into a relationship that he would not enter if he knew certain information. For example, it may be permissible to tell a person that his prospective business partner is untrustworthy, or that a prospective spouse has a disease. This exception is subject to significant and complex limitations; however, if those limitations are satisfied, the person with the information is required to reveal it.

In all of these exceptions, a person is not permitted to reveal information if the same objective could be fulfilled without revealing information. For example, if you could talk a person out of marrying for reasons other than the disease, you may not reveal the disease.

Wronging a Person through Speech

Leviticus 25:17 says, “You shall not wrong one another.” This has traditionally been interpreted as wronging a person with speech. It includes any statement that will embarrass, insult or deceive a person, or cause a person emotional pain or distress.

Here are some commonly-used examples of behavior that is forbidden by this mitzvah:

You may not call a person by a derogatory nickname, or by any other embarrassing name, even if he is used to it.

You may not ask an uneducated person for an opinion on a scholarly matter (that would draw attention to his lack of knowledge or education).

You may not ask a merchant how much he would sell something for if you have no intention of buying.

You may not refer someone to another person for assistance when you know the other person cannot help (in other words, it’s a violation of Jewish law to give someone the run-around!). You may not deceive a person, even if no harm is done by the deception; for example, you may not sell non-kosher meat to a non-Jew telling him that it is kosher, even though no harm is done to the non-Jew by this deception.

You may not sell a person damaged goods without identifying the damage, even if the price you give is fair for the goods in their damaged condition.

You may not offer a person a gift or invite a person to dinner if you know that the person will not accept.

You may not compliment a person if you do not mean it.

For this reason I am not going to defend myself any more than I already have against the slanderer, that a number of you have written me about and whom you have believed. Because in doing so I would be damaging his character. He is allowed to damage his own character without my help. But for many of you who have jumped on this band wagon and helped to spread these lies, I would like to share one other verse with you.

Pro 26:17 He who passes by enraging himself over strife not his own *is like* one who takes a dog by the ears, 18 *or like* a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death. 19 *so is* the man who deceives his neighbor and says, Am I not joking? 20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where *there is* no talebearer, the fighting ceases. 21 *As* coals to burning coals, and wood to fire, *so is* a quarrelsome man to kindle fighting. 22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. 23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a broken piece of pottery with silver waste. 24 He who hates pretends with his lips and stores up deceit within him. 25 When he makes his voice gracious, do not believe him; for seven hateful things *are* in his heart. 26 *He whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shown before the congregation.

I am hurt by these things, and hurt by the spreading of it by those who call me their friend. I am also exhausted trying to put out each and every fire that springs up here and then over there as this person goes about spreading his one sided lies. I will no longer respond to anyone about this nor am I going to be chasing any of the feathers he is spreading around in order to protect my reputation. I have in my records of the things he is not telling you. The rest of the story as it was. I am hurt and I am tired and I have work to do. While Satan and his demons go around accusing the brethren, and the “brethren” sucking up every word Satan says, I will be about my Father’s business. I urge you all to do the same.

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To Those Without Sin

John 8:2-11 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

I am guilty of many things in the past. I have admitted them and written of them. I also do things today and offend some and I regret this and yet tomorrow I will do it again. Each of us can understand perfectly the things Paul is expressing in Roman7:14-25.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Brethren, I have had leaders in the past pray for my death and for the death of my family, for the earth to open up and swallow us. I have had leaders in the past split our assemblies and say many lies about me. I have had leaders in the past destroy the work we had done in other countries. I have had brethren rejoice over my failures and take pleasure in my failings. I have had other Christians threaten my life.

I have also said and done things I regret to people and about people. I have repented when I realized what I was doing.

The Apostle Paul was going around and murdering and arresting those who were followers of the way. We read of this in the book of Acts.

Acts 7:57-59 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

During those years from 31 CE to 36 CE, Paul developed quite the reputation for his persecution of the Saints. No one wanted anything to do with him.

Acts 9:10-18 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Now let me show you another leader. The wisest in the world.

1Kings 3:3-14 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

And yet even though he had all this wisdom and wealth and had seen Yehovah on two occasions Solomon still went after other gods and as far as we know never repented. And yet to this day we still use the proverbs of Solomon.

1 Kings 11:1-13 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, “You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the Lord had commanded. Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, “Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant. Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.”

Yehovah used Paul even after all the evil Paul had done. Yehovah did not toss out all the Proverbs of Solomon even though he went after other gods.

King David committed adultery. We all know this. We also all know David committed murder to cover it up. And today we all know David is the one Yehovah chose to lead all 12 tribes of Israel. I know for a fact that many of you would be acting just like Nabal did when he met David. And some of you right now are acting like Shimei who cursed David. Or you would curse Moses for the murder he committed.

Brethren I have nothing to gain by saying what I am about to say. Nor do I support or endorse this man. My concern is for those of you who are railing against him. I am speaking of the sad situation about a Messianic leader in the Philippines. I do not know for sure what he has done. Nor do I want to know. He has to answer to Yehovah and not me. He is accused of lying and of adultery.

Jim Staley was caught in a serious act and has now gone to jail for it. At that time many cursed him and spit on his work. Some left the faith.

Those of you who are speaking Lashon Harah about this man in the Philippines, you need to read the rest of this article. I share this not for his but for your sakes. I also think you should read this article at this link as well about the three things Yehovah hates.

Lev 19:16 You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

The ISV says that you are not to stand idly by when your neighbor's life is at stake. This is why I am stepping in and saying what I am now saying before you murder his reputation for ever. How will you be able to show mercy after he repents? Especially after all that many of you have said.

We are told in Matthew to take up the matter with the accused one on one in private. If that does not work then take two or three others to confront the accused. And if that does not work then remove the person from the assembly. The idea is to get them to repent and once they do forgive and let them return.

But the manhunt that I see with whole pages dedicated to outing this man is shameful. Again I am not condoning anything he has done but what has he done? He has lied and committed adultery according to those who accuse him. I do not care what he has done. I am addressing those who are hounding him. One woman even said he was raping and pillaging her people. A gross exaggeration. Did Yehovah reject Moses for the murder of a man? Did Yehovah reject David for adultery and murder? Did Yehovah reject you for worshipping idols before you learned the truth?

We are told in Lev 19 not to stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed. This is why I am writing this article now. Some of you are seeking to utterly destroy this man. One person I read was even hating Hebrew Roots and this was justification for him to keep on hating us. Those of you who are without sin, please, by all means, cast the first stone.

Once again read Mat 18:15-35 Not just the selected parts that you want to read.

Dealing with a Sinning Brother

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you lose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

I also must point out to you all what Proverbs 6:16-19 says and just count the number of things Yehovah hates and to make sure you are not doing any of these.

These six things the Lord hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:
A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,
A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,
A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

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Peck Peck Peck

I want to share with you the many messages I received about last week's Newsletter. But they are too personal, so I can't.

We opened last week with a rebuke for those who were committing Lashon Harah. We then noticed that those we spoke of stopped the comments on their site and quoted from our Newsletter and then shared our Newsletter. I had expected to be thrown under the bus and attacked by others doing the Lashon Harah. So we are pleased to see this blessing taking place amongst the brethren.

I had others write about this event and agree with me about what we were saying. Lev 19:16 demands you not stand by idly while your brother is murdered. Either physically and or in slander.

This article also reminded others of their troubled past. How they were no better than Gomer in the book of Hosea whoring around. Indeed none of us are. We all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of Yehovah. So who can boast? Really, stop and think about it. Who, which of you can really boast that you are so squeaky clean that you can boast that you are more righteous than all others. Not one of us.

I have seen chickens begin to peck at one of the other chickens for no apparent reason. After a little while all the other chickens are pecking at this one poor bird until finally, it dies. This is what Lashon Harah does. This is what some do, as they gather all their friends and then all of the friends of their friends to attack this one person that they have outed for sinning. They do this at the same time covering over all of their own past sins.



We all need to be forgiven. We all want to be forgiven for our past. I know people who have murdered people in this walk. Some are still hooked on porn. Some will not talk to their parents for the way they were raised. Some were pedophiles and some were the victims of the pedophile. Why can we not forgive those who have wronged us?

Do not misunderstand me. Lev 19 tells us not to stand by idly. If you see sin being committed then you must speak out. For both the victim and the perpetrator. But you must guard against committing lashon harah against the sinner lest you be judged also. In the case of the pecking hens, you remove the bully one that leads the attacks.

We shared this last week but it deserves to be shared once again with more emphasis.

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“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

Yehovah is this King and He has forgiven you all your sins. He has removed all your debts you owed for your sins. He did that for you. He did that for you when you repent. But if you will not repent then He has not forgiven you.

Some of you act just like those chickens pecking at the one poor soul who has not yet learned what you know or does not yet comprehend that they are sinning. peck peck peck

Yehovah gets angry when we do this. Here again is that word angry that we have studied many times in recent months.

In Lev 23, we are told of how furious He gets and sends His armies to those who will not repent. We are told the same thing in the parable about the invitation to the wedding. Yehovah gets angry and sends His armies to destroy those who would not come to the wedding.

You all know and understand the teaching in The 2300 Days of Hell and you also know about the 4th curse of Lev 23 and how it lines up with the 4th Sabbatical cycle. This fourth Sabbatical cycle began in 2017 and goes to 2023. This is the cycle of war. Do you really think it wise to make Yehovah angry with you now in this Sabbatical cycle by you pecking, pecking, pecking at others over their sins when your own sins are so glaring?

No, you ought to be showing them mercy in order for you to get mercy for your past.

I am by no means saying to hide the other person’s sins. Mathew 18 tells us how to go about dealing with them.

Always remember what goes around comes around. The way you treat others is how you will be treated.

Again look at Lev 19:16

You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. (NKJV)

Lev 19:16 Thou dost not go slandering among thy people; thou dost not stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I *am* Jehovah. (YLT)

Lev 19:16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand idly by the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD. (JPS)

Lev 19:16 Do not go about saying untrue things among your people, or take away the life of your neighbour by false witness: I am the Lord. (BBE)

Lev 19:16 “You are not to go around slandering your people. “You are not to stand idle when your neighbors life is at stake. I am the LORD. (ISV)

So we have talked to you about slandering. Now notice what it says in the ISV version about not standing by while the life of your neighbor is at stake. You are not to gossip about anyone but when you see someone harming others you must step in to prevent it or stop it before they are further harmed or killed.

This was the reason I wrote last week. I happened to see people speaking ill of one Sandy Bruce. And many were relentlessly attacking him. I did not have all the facts. After my Newsletter last week one of the leaders from the Philippines contacted me to humbly ask about my newsletter. In our talk he told me all the facts that I was not aware of. That I and others under the misnomer of Lashon Harah did not speak about.

This spring Sandy was in the Philippines visiting the same places I had gone to two years before.

This Pastor was the one who confronted Sandy Bruce about his adulterous relationship with a Catholic Filipino girl. Sandy lost it on him calling him many names and that he Sandy Bruce did not have to answer to him. After this the verbal attacks began against this Pastor Leo. Sandy and his promoter Yahnutan Nollara wrote to many of the groups they had visited and told lies about Pastor Leo. Again this is according to Pastor Leo.

Many of these groups were brand new to Torah. After they heard from SB and YN they stopped keeping the Sabbath and went back to their Christian church which they had recently left.

In Manila it was Bro. Aike who now confronted SB and it was Bro Aike who was then attacked, having slanderous tales spread about him. Again all lies but they were being spread by SB and YN. Bro Aike has brought a libel suit against them, and Sandy has since fled the Philippines and we do not know if he left his “wife” behind.

Again in the wake of SB and YN slandering are many new people to Torah who have now left and gone back to the churches they came from. Bro Aike and Leo are out there working hard to show the Torah to these people and many people come to keep the Torah. Whole groups at one time.

Bro Leo reminded me that I had warned them that wolves would come and decimate the flocks. Again Lev 19 demands that when we see our brethren, our neighbours life's at stake we must act. And this is exactly why we are now stating these facts to warn the brethren of this man's methods before he wreaks any more havoc on other groups or people.

You can count on him attacking me for this report today. He did so last year and many of those he contacted stopped following me. I did not defend myself and waited for someone who would. Many left me last year because of the lies Sandy told about me. Now he is doing it again to Bro Leo and Bro Aike in the Philippines. Sandy will also use various names when he attacks. So be forewarned about this man who has no problem destroying the work of others in order to gain a following after himself.

Last year Sandy Bruce began to attack me after we disagreed over Chanukah. We were in a private discussion talking nicely when he posted an attack deriding me. He then wrote to all those who supported me and caused division to the point that many of those people left our fellowship. He then prevented me from being able to talk to him or contact him to discuss the situation.

Sandy Bruce changes his name to a number of aliases and will not talk to anyone about the things he has committed. Bro Aike and Bro Leo confronted Sandy about these things. And now we are bringing them to your attention as Mathew 18 tells us to. We are not adding to the gossip or slander and we are not telling you things from 2nd or third-hand parties. These are first person stories from those involved. Pray for this man.

Now....

Having warned you about Lashon Hara and now having acted on the second part of Lev 19 just as Pinchas did to stop the plague, we must also now teach you something from this mess.

How are you as an individual supposed to deal with a wolf when it comes into the flock?

Yes the shepherd will watch out for them when they can see them but sometimes they do get by just as it happened in this case.

We have been encouraging Bro Leo and Bro Aike and helping them since we met them in 2015. We are brothers with them in this work now. Each teacher is to build upon the Apostles and the Prophets of which Yehshua is the cornerstone. (Eph 2:2) Those of us who teach must build up the assembly based on these principles and not be tearing it down.

The only way you as an individual can combat the next wolf to come is by studying your Torah so that you know it. Each of you from the teen in the assembly to the Mother to the Father. Each of you individually and collectively must be Berean about everything you are being taught.

You cannot just sit there and be entertained by the music or the social atmosphere and the great teachings. You must be proving these things on your own at home and you must be studying. Otherwise

you will be like some who when the ill wind blows across their door they will not be able to stand up to it and or prevent it from harming others.

Each person must study to gain the Knowledge of Yehovah. each person must Study to gain the understanding of the Torah. Each person must study to gain the wisdom. And all three you gain by asking Yehovah for them.

Each person must be working towards being the next Pinchas ready to stand up and defend the Torah against any person, if they are the prince or the princess or someone claiming to be the Levitical High Priest. You must know your Torah in order to know that they are not obeying it.

I was saddened to see the attacks on Sandy Bruce. I was angered to hear that he had caused new members to stop attending, and stop learning about Yehovah because of the lies he was spreading and telling about good men who are doing a good work in the Philippines.

There are many of you who read this Newsletter and share it with still more. One day I will be the one being slandered. It has happened before. People praying for my death. No matter what is said about me or any of the leaders you are learning from, you must be able to prove all things from your own Bible. We will be arrested and in jail and you will be told this or that.

Know your Bible. Know your Bible and be ready to stand for the truth no matter what comes. Because more is coming and it will be much much worse.

We are drawing closer and closer to the time of trouble that is going to test all of us. Get ready. Be ready and remain ready.