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Shabbat Shalom to the Royal Family of Yehovah,

Against All Odds



October 7, 1978, was the year I married my high school sweetheart. We had both graduated from high school the year before and had no direction for our lives. We had met in Grade 11 four years earlier.

Upon graduating I had a job that was three hours away and Barbara's parents were encouraging her to see other people. So I strongly encouraged Barbara to apply for a dental college that was closer to where I was working and away from her parents for that first year after High School. She did.

I had boxes for end tables and a crate for a coffee table. I had found a couch which the dogs slept on in someone's garage who was throwing it out and my bed was a mattress on the floor. I felt very good in our two bedroom apartment. I also had a 1969 Plymouth Fury and it was a dream of a car. What more could a guy want? I had a car and a job and an apartment.

I had a job straight out of high school and had saved enough to buy her a wedding ring. So by December 1977, I had my plan in place. I bought her a long winter coat and I placed the ring in the pocket and gave her the coat for Christmas that same year.

I had not asked her Fathers permission. I just did it. And when she pulled the ring out on Christmas day in front of her family I asked her to marry me. And she said yes. The family that was there was a gasp and completely caught off guard.

Her dad said it was customary for the boy to ask the Father first. They felt their daughter could have done better than a hillbilly farm boy, that had no college or university education. They might have been right, but not in my eyes. Barbara accepted the ring and said a very loud Yes!

The following year we were married on October 7, 1978.

We headed for Niagara Falls to begin our Honeymoon and then went to Miami and took a cruise for 4 days.

While in Niagara falls that year I kept asking Barb why was it so crowded everywhere we went and there were Jews everywhere. It was so strange to see. Little did I know at this time but it was approaching the Holy Days that year.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Enw Rosh Hashana	2 Rosh Hoshana 5738	3 Rosh Hashana II	4	5	6	7
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15 Enw Sukkot	16 Sukkot I	17 Sukkot II	18 Sunnas III (CH''M)	19 Suidhot IV (CH11M)	20 Sunket V (CH*M)	21 Sokkot VI (CH*M)
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October 1978

It would be another 4 years before I would be called by Yehovah and begin to keep the Sabbath and Holy days beginning in 1982. The fall Feasts would almost always land on our anniversary date. This soon became an issue and to solve it I forced my family to come to the various Feast sites around North America and the world. Keyword was "Forced". The weeks leading up to each Feast were fraught with fighting. And it would peak the day we were to leave. It would then take until about the 3rd or 4th day before things returned to a good time for all. And then it was time to go home again.

We attended in Niagara Falls for many years and then Boston, Bahamas and St. Petersburg Florida.

In the Bahamas, Hurricane Hugo went around us and then slammed into the Carolinas and while in Florida Hurricane Daniel was about to come ashore while we were camped in an RV on the beach. It changed directions and came ashore in Miami doing a lot of damage. We had no clue how serious hurricanes were at this time nor any clue about the storm surges. No clue.

In 1980 I began to work on pipelines out of town and would come home about once or twice a month. In 1981 and again in 1982 we had our first Daughter and then our first son. Our second son would not arrive until 1990.

We bought our first house in 1981 and even though we paid it off in just 5 years Barbara and I fought over the amount of money I was tithing or spending on the Feasts each year. But I tithed faithfully to the church at this time and to ourselves for the Feast each year and yet we still paid off our house in 5 years and we never really lacked anything. My income kept increasing with each job I was now doing. I was good at my work and I was becoming in demand by other companies. So I continued to work out of town and to keep the Sabbath and Holy Days.

My in-laws were telling Barbara she could do much better and that they would help her in looking after the kids while she got a divorce. This fight kept coming up until it was the main subject each time I came home. So I stayed away longer to avoid the fighting. This only made things worse.

Respecting Fences

After hearing this for so long I went to my Father-in-law and told him was going to take the family and move as far away as possible unless they stopped undermining me and telling my wife she could do better. They would never see the Grandkids again if this continued. It then and only then did it stop.

It was also during these years that at every Feast site my wife would attend, she would reluctantly come out for a meal with some people who had become friends. I would scan them carefully not wanting to submit her to some Jesus freaks or holy rollers. I wanted her to meet normal people so she would think I was normal as well.

But it was a sure fired bet each Feast that someone would rise up and try to convert my wife. Each one of them had the secret scriptures so that they knew they could convert her. But what none of these self-righteous ones understood was the fact that I would have to live with the mess that they had now created for the next month and up to six month later and sometimes even years later it would be thrown back in my face. The harm done every time was very upsetting to my wife and then to me.

At first, I was hoping it would work. But quickly and I mean quickly, I found out just how bad it made the entire feast. The fighting was on and she wanted to go home and we had three or more days of the feast to ENDURE both each other and the brethren that thought they knew better.

It would be years before I understood this verse in John.

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him:

Here are couple more.

Isaiah 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

2 Cor 3:15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

The veil over my wife's eyes has not been removed and until she turns to Yehovah it will remain no matter how many of you think you have the secret bullet to "FIX HER". Each and every time you do unrepairable damage to my relationship with my spouse. You make their hearts even harder. Not just you but the things I said, did as well.

People must learn to respect the borders of other families. To keep off the fences and not to cross over them. Only Yehovah can remove the veil that keeps them from seeing the truths you and I now understand. Never forget that you too were the same not to long ago and could not see these things either. Yehovah has performed a miracle by opening your eyes. Wait on Yehovah to open the eyes of those He is calling and do not try to be Yehovah and do it yourself. It always leads to ruin when you do it.

I have been the recipient of other people mistakes each time they practiced being Yehovah on my wife. And now after 36 years many of those mistake others did as well as those I also made are often thrown back in my face today.

Even on this most recent trip to Israel, someone felt they could say the magic words to my daughter and convert her. Stay on your own side of the fence and respect my family on this side. Don't try to convert them for me. Stop trying to be God and let Yehovah do it in His own time.

Far too many "brethren" are quick to offer unsolicited advice. If you remember our teaching on Balaam, the unsolicited advice always came from Satan. People just want to solve other people's problems when they can't solve their own.

So many times good-hearted brethren would quote to me this one scripture over and over.

2 Cor 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Deuteronomy 22:10 Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together.

Were they truly being good-hearted or were they doing Satan's work for him? I feel they were working on behalf of Satan. Yes, the brethren do work for him from time to time. Yehshua even told Peter to get behind me Satan.

Mat 16:22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Once people began to tell me not to be unequally yoked then getting a divorce was much easier to accept. You start to look for potential mates in the same faith. You begin to lust after other women. In fact, I watched as one pastor and one sister both of whom were married to unconverted mates, get divorced and marry each other in order to be equally yoked. They ended up fighting a lot over other things that all marriages need to work out.

Here is a scripture that should be in the bible. The Grass ain't greener on the other side of the fence even though some tell you it is.

Yehovah is testing you. He is testing your resolve to keep your word. he is testing those around you to see who is going to pray for you and who is going to give you bad advice that you did not ask for.

As people told me I could get a divorce because I was unequally yoked, the greater our fights were and the more attractive others in the faith became. Then I found this verse and it hit me very hard. Why was Yehovah not answering my prayers about calling my wife? I would cry this prayer over and over and nothing happened. read this verse very carefully every one of you.

Malachi 2:13 And this second thing you do. You cover the Lord's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

When you are not faithful to the spouse that you made a COVENANT with, the very same covenant Yehovah has made with Israel, a marriage covenant, then Yehovah stops hearing your prayers.

Go ahead and read it over and over. Do you want to know why your prayers are not answered? You have been faithless with your spouse and invited violence upon your garments.

Why you and not them?

So why has Yehovah not called your spouse or mine at this time? Why do our parents or our children not understand the things we say?

I do not have an answer for that. I am not Yehovah.

But I do know in my case I had to prove everything I was learning to make sure it was true and to prove it to my wife when she asked. I began to write them down with scriptures and that then turned into short articles all of which was just for me. It would be years later in 2006 when I would be forced to begin my own website and to then share all my teachings. This turned into sightedmoon.com today.

Now looking back with 40 years of hindsight to look through...I can see Yehovah used my unconverted wife to shape me and make me into the person who has to prove everything as if in a court of law. Because my wife and my family doubted everything I was telling them, I had to prove all things beyond all doubts. Had my wife joined me in this walk, way back then, I would not have been forced to search so deep and the sightedmoon.com website would never have been born.

1 Peter 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Revelation 1:6 who has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father — to Him be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Revelation 5:10 You have made them into a kingdom, priests to serve our God, and they will reign upon the earth."

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

You have been called for a purpose and for a reason. To be a King and or Priest in the Kingdom of Yehovah. Not everyone is called at this time.

There are three Chag's each year. The first is Passover and the second is Shavuot and the third is Sukkot.

The first Chag and what it represents, took place in reality when Yehshua came out of the grave and the Saints at that time all who had lived before came to life and walked into Jerusalem.

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Some of these Saints are now the 24 elders in heaven. The word elders means ancestor.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

That was the first wave offering and the second wave offering takes place at Shavuot and is the wheat which we are striving to be a part of. You and I are growing and learning to be those Kings and Priests

that Yehovah is calling, that Yehovah is choosing. We are those that He has removed the veils from our eyes. He is the one who chooses. We get to choose by answering that calling.

Then those who refuse to obey and those who will not answer that calling are dealt with in the final resurrection at the end of the 7th Millennium.

Rev 20:1 The Thousand Years

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. The Defeat of Satan

And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Take notice of what you are told in Rev 20:12 And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

1 Cor 6:1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

Paul is quoting Daniel 7:21

As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

Yehshua also said we would be judging in Mat 19:28

Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

This last verse resonates with many of us as we have lost many family members for His name's sake.

Mat 10:28 is very tough for us to take in but we must keep growing.

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Brethren it is my 40th wedding anniversary and I never thought it would happen. It is beyond all odds. But each one of you has also been called beyond all odds and with no hope of making it. Each of us has lost loved ones or fallen back into our former sins with no hope. When I get down, when my sins overcome me, or my loss of family grieves me I think of this verse in Isaiah. Isaiah 49:14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.""Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Each of us called at this time are written in the palms of Yehovah. Our unconverted spouses, even though we love them, are called for another job Yehovah has set for them. They will come at the third Chag of Sukkot at the end of the 7th Millennium. We must be content with that. Never stop praying for them. Never stop loving them. Who knows, maybe Yehovah will remove their veils as well.

But until that time, stop playing god and stop trying to convert your loved ones or the loved ones of the brethren you know. Stop causing harm to those brethren by you crossing that fence thinking you can convert them when in fact you are disrespecting them and the calling that Yehovah has given them. It is because of my wife that sightedmoon.com exists today. And I thank her and Yehovah's wisdom for that.

My Wife and I are now 40 years married in spite of my in-laws and in spite of the good intentions of the brethren.-

