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A Blessed Feast!

It was nice to fellowship again with brethren we haven't seen for a while, in some cases, for more than a couple years. It's always good to reconnect, to know others are also seeing what we see, concerning the Word of Yahweh. It is evidence of Yahweh's Spirit at work among us and within us, even though we are many times separated during the year.

Yahweh knew what He was doing when He established the Appointed Times in Leviticus chapter 23. He knew that there would be those in Messiah in our day needing to be reenergized and encouraged by the fellowship that coming before Him and others of the same mind bring. As Paul said, For who hath known the mind of Yahweh, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Messiah, 1 Corinthians 2:16. He desires for us to have a stronger connection with Him and His Son.

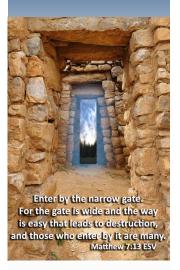
Essentially, we come to think the same way as They do. We come to walk on higher ground, and this year we did just that. With more of Yahweh's Spiritual strength being present with us, we gathered together and could perceive the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in a stronger, more profound way. This is no doubt in the plan of our Father.

We are continually renewed and built up to continue in good works set forth from the beginning of time. We look forward to having more than just a taste of the good things to come, but of the reality of being in the fullness of the spiritual realm without the hindrances of the flesh. We have a bit of that now when we put away the world from among us and come before His presence. We praise you and thank You Father, our Creator, through Yahshua the Messiah. It was a blessed Feast!



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Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32a ESV



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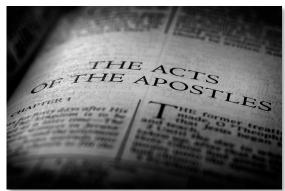
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Reaching Spiritual Maturity

The book of Acts relates the birth and struggles of the early Assembly, when problems were encountered and solutions were found. Evidently these were given as a pattern and example for our learning and guidance today. Most of the believers were Jews, but there were also Gentiles (Greeks) among them. During those years they had only the Old Testament, as the New Testament had not yet been written. Obviously, Yahweh's Spirit was among them, guiding them into deeper truth.

Paul carefully notes that spiritual gifts were given at baptism to aid the Assembly's growth and maturity in Yahshua. A closer look at this early body of believers should help us consider their activities and reveal examples that played a direct part in establishing the Assembly.

The Apostles chosen by Yahshua had a leading role in the development of the Assembly. They discussed openly some of the problems confronting them. The members of the Assembly became directly involved in resolving problems, as we see in the following example:



And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of Yahweh, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas,

and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch, Acts 6:1-6.

Take note how the multitude or members were called together to select seven spiritual and competent men to take charge of the work overload that the elders had no time for. The multitude chose those among them whose attitude, demeanor, and integrity were obvious. These were chosen because they were well reported of by the brethren (as was Timothy, Acts 16:1-2). Their fruits had been self-evident and duly noted by the brethren.

Those with us at YAIY are not novices in Scripture. Most had roots in mainline teachings. As they grew in grace and knowledge of the Word, they saw that the Bible teaches truths ignored by churchianity. They

have a desire to keep the whole counsel of Yahweh, which includes keeping the seventh-day Sabbath and Feast days, and revering and calling upon Yahweh's and Yahshua's Name.

It is our goal to return to the Bible's example. We would like brethren to be more involved in the activities and functions of the Assembly to help propel our work ahead. The Bible abounds with examples of involved brethren.

Since the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost, Yahshua has given gifts to guide and strengthen the Assembly, His Body:



And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of Yahweh, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Messiah, Ephesians 4:11-13.

Paul points out that Yahweh has Himself chosen certain ones and placed them in the body of Messiah. When baptized into Yahshua's Name, we are given a gift to edify and build up the Assembly. Such gifts include: prophecy, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, administration, and comfort, Romans 12:4-8. See

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also 1 Corinthians 12.

Examples involving early believers can be seen in Acts 15, where circumcising the Gentile converts came into question. The multitude of believers joined the Apostles and Elders in choosing men to send to Jerusalem with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:22).

Brethren also wrote letters dealing with circumcision to Gentile assemblies, introducing Barnabas and Paul whose message would be confirmed by Judas and Silas, Acts 15:23-29.

Paul depended upon the brethren to accompany and aid him on his journeys as he visited the scattered brethren:

Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company, Romans 15:24.

And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that you may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go, 1 Corinthians 16:6.

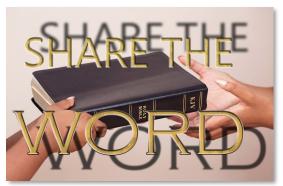
And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed, Acts 21:5.



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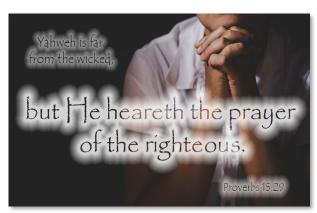


The early assembly became personally involved in proclaiming the truth of the coming Kingdom. They helped Paul and the Elders and took a personal interest in their welfare. The progress of the Assembly became their prime concern.

We trust that our brethren of today will become even more deeply inspired and assume a personal responsibility to be a light to those around them. A living example for Yahshua has proved to be a most fruitful witness of His truth. We are open for suggestions and recommendations for improvement from our dedicated brethren.

Prayer List

Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Karen van Schalkwyk, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Diana Murphy, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Al J. Pagano, Lois Firth, Hap Tew, Heidi Fleischmann, Chauncey Hargrove, Winifred Marie, Charles Scott Jr. and Sr., David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Audrey Wilkes, Adeline Black, Audrey Steadman, Adi Stahlin, Mary Giles, Kareem Greene Family/Friends, Ja'Quon & Schosche MucSarney, Rueben & Desire McIntyre, Henry Sunderman and Family,



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