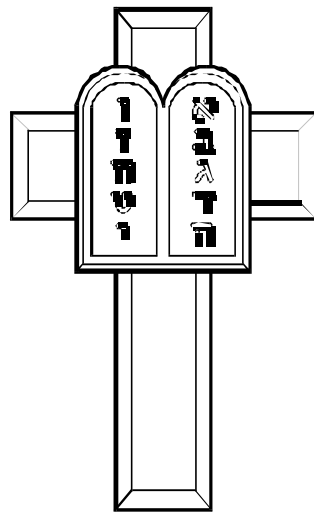


God, Up Close and Personal



by

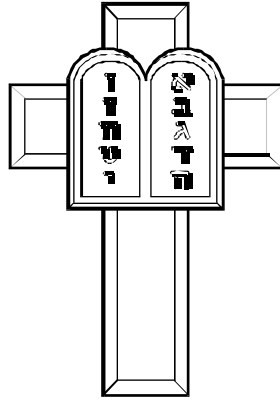
Floyd Reeves: Pastor

Pastor: Faith Harvest Israel

God, Up Close and Personal

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
begins his Book on

God, Up Close and Personal



Greetings

You have agreed with me that "God, Up Close and Personal" is a topic worthy of your consideration! And now you want to see what Yehovaw has done with it through my hands!

I pray that you enjoy it thoroughly and are uplifted and encouraged by it, is was I in the writing of it.

In ordering this book, you have "kept" or put a value on one part of Yehovaw's work through me, the pastor of Faith Harvest Israel! And I pray His richest blessing upon you for that confidence in and support of this ministry!

* * *

This book is the intellectual property of its author!

Portions of it may be reprinted without alteration, so long as it is followed by:

© Floyd Warner Reeves
DBA HonorHisLaw.com

Beyond that limited provision, all rights are reserved! This book or any part thereof may not be altered or resold without the written permission of the author!

God, Up Close and Personal

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd presents
the Table of Contents for his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents

Introduction

A Time to Be Loved

The Creator's Intense Interest

Only One Name

Not a Burden

The First and Great

Hypocrisy and Righteousness

Life in the Toraw

Another Amazing Truth

More about Him

Weightier Matters

Things Yeshuaw Did

Thy Shield and Reward

Knowing My Father

Face of the Father

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 1 - Lord God of Relationships

Lonely Lord God

An Amazing Dominion

The Blessing and the Cursing

Awesome Resurrection

Calling Them to Mind

Spiritual Parents

Them Who Shall Believe

Chapter 2 - Lord God of Unity

Believing as One

Creator of All

Doing Good

Those Awesome Events

I Lay Down My Life

A Name of God

Empowering Truth

Chapter 3 - Lord God of Covenant

New Covenant

Thou Hast Searched Me

The Wages of Sin

The Atonement

Watching the Suffering

Right and Wrong

Day of Atonement

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 4 - Lord God of Forgiveness

Confessing Our Sins

Thinking Differently

His Holy City

Becoming as Children

Whoso Shall Offend

His Eternal Power

Seeking the Lost

Chapter 5 - Lord God of Judgment

Heroic Policemen

Good Will Toward Men

Unthinkable Violence

A Mighty Famine

The Best Robe

Oneness of Partners

Power of the Spirit

Chapter 6 - Lord God of Fellowship

Another Name for God

Ye Are Gods

They Who Overcome

Thou Art Rich

A Different People

Gentiles in Darkness

Conquering Jerusalem

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 7 - Lord God of Events

Islamic Terrorists
Amazing Obedience
Back to Canaan
Marvelous Plan
A Terrible Lack
Greater Love
Lamb of Mystery

Chapter 8 - Lord God of Kingship

Demands of Payment
Fishing for Tax
Kingdom of God
Yeshuaw in the Father
Amazing Phenomenon
Yehovaw's Will
Ultimate Love

Chapter 9 - Lord God of Faith

Weightier Matters
Justly Rewarded
Yehovaw's Hope
Marvelous Event
Going to Paradise
Two Way Street
Drinking the Cup

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 10 - Lord God of Sacrifice

Eating the Flesh

Where to Sacrifice

The Chosen Place

The Father's Forgiveness

Involved with the Law

Purpose of the Revelation

Accepting the Atonement

Chapter 11 - Lord God of Law

Purged by the Law

Atonement of the Torah

Fruit of the Vine

Words of Spirit and Life

Law in Their Hearts

The Lord Will Pass Over

The Awesome Promise

Chapter 12 - Lord God of Deliverance

Blood on the Doorposts

Ancient Salvation

Redeeming Brother

Life for Life

Failure to Love

The Pain of Sin

To Be Strangers

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 13 - Lord God of Justice

Justice and Cursing

Perfect Justice

Spellbinding Westerns

Justice in Nations

In His Commandments

Woe to the Hypocrites

Judgment of Action

Chapter 14 - Lord God of Life and Death

Astounding Scripture

Keep or Observe

Pleasing One's Neighbor

Warning the Wicked

Cain and Able

Eating the Flesh

The Awful Difference

Chapter 15 - Lord God of Words

The Precious Word

All the Words

Life and Death

Wrestling Principalities

Seen the Affliction

Yeshuaw's Vital Promise

Knew Their Sorrows

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 16 - Lord God of Mercy

With Him in Paradise

Wounded for Us

Seeing the Father

Vision of the Gospel

Hearing Yeshuaw Pray

Legions of Angels

Commanded to Be Sold

Chapter 17 - Lord God of Liberty

Freedom in His Kingdom

Awesome Conversation

A Little of Their Pain

Dying Like a Man

Important Second Key

The King's Patience

A Fatal Mistake

Chapter 18 - Lord God of Change

Commandment to Love

Becoming His Enemy

New Righteousness

No More Vengeance

Having Done Good

Leaving Us an Example

Marvelous Process

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 19 – Lord God of Love

Lamenting Their Captivity

Not Knowing

Let Him Deny Himself

Rewarding Every Man

Yeshuaw the All Powerful

Keep Them from Evil

Judge of All

Chapter 20 - Lord God of Redemption

Covering the Nakedness

Saving to the Uttermost

True Judgment

Become an Israelite

Joint-Heirs with Christ

Feast of the Passover

My Body and Blood

Chapter 21 - Lord God of Amazement

Strange Words

Receiving His Words

Thy Law the Truth

In Spirit and Truth

Vain Worship

Requirement to Love

Blessing for the Loving

God, Up Close and Personal

Table of Contents (continued)

Chapter 22 - Lord God of Reason

To Hedge About

Critical Moment

Worthy Father

Love is Obedience

He Who Believeth

Wrought in God

Observe and Do

Chapter 23 - Lord God of Simplicity

The Same Simple Salvation

Guided into the Commandments

My Words in His Mouth

Magnify the Law

The Law through Moses

No Persuasion from the Dead

My Father and Your Father

Chapter 24 - Lord God of Fatherhood

Looking to the Father

Worthy of All Honor

Showing Us the Father

Sitting on the Throne

The Will of My Father

Joy in Heaven

Awareness of His Will

God, Up Close and Personal

Amen! Alleluia!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd presents
the Introduction to his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Introduction

A Time to Be Loved

There has never been a time in the history of mankind when to know that one is loved, shielded and sustained by the almighty God in Heaven Who created him or her has been more desperately desired and needed! At the same time it has never been more vital to know that the same Lord God holds accountable those who fail to do the same for their neighbors, who are His children as well!

Most people acknowledge that there is a Creator of the Universe; the strain of credulity entertained by atheists, who deny the existence or supernatural functioning of a God, is far greater than to concede the overwhelming evidence of an awesome intelligence and power to perform, as it is provided by the wonder and beauty of life as we find it in our own beings and in the creation all around us or far from us!

The Creator's Intense Interest

But few people are aware of the intense interest that their Creator has in every detail of their lives, right down to the number of hairs on one's head! (Matthew 10:30) That interest can be ascertained by the care that He has taken through ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit in the hearts of His children, and through the writings of His prophets and apostles in His Holy Bible to inform His children concerning His Persons, His thoughts, His works, His justice and His mercy, all of that being based upon His great love for those children!

Our Creator's name is Yehovaw Elohiym, which in the King James version of His Holy Bible is constantly translated "Lord God", "Yehovaw" meaning "Self-Existent" and "Eternal" (Strong: Hebrews: 3068) and "Elohiym" meaning "Gods"! (430)

The plural form "Elohiym" or "Gods" relates to the fact that, although "the Lord (Yehovaw; Strong: Hebrew: 3068) our God (Elohiym; Strong: Hebrew: 430) is one Lord (Yehovaw; 3068)" (Deuteronomy 6:5;) the "**Godhead**" (Romans 1:20) is comprised of three Persons! Yeshuaw's disciples were to go forth baptizing "**all nations ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost**"! (Matthew 28:19)

Introduction (continued)

Only One Name

There is only one name that Yehovaw specified through Yeshuaw for all three of those Persons; so we have “Yehovaw “**the Father**”, Yehovaw “**the Son**”, Who in the Hebrew is called “Yeshuaw” (Matthew 1:21; Strong: Hebrew: 3444), and Yehovaw “**the Holy Ghost**” (Matthew 28:19) or “**Holy Spirit**” (Psalm 51:11), Who in the Hebrew is called “ha Kodesh (Strong: Hebrew: 6944) Ruakh”! (7307)

In His book Yehovaw has asked that His children do certain things and not do others, which are His desire and the expression of His very nature for them, which He has expressed through the commandments of His toraw or law!

Yehovaw has likened His toraw or law to the “yoke” that farmers of old would put on their animals of burden, to pull their wagons or plows! He said, through Yeshuaw:

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me! For I am meek and lowly in heart! And ye shall find rest unto your souls! For My yoke is easy! And My burden is light!
(Matthew 11:29 and 30)

Not a Burden

Although doing what another has asked one to do or not do can easily be seen as a “yoke” or a “burden”, Yehovaw did not intend that the commandments of His toraw or law be, for His Children, any such thing! He said, through Moses:

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! (Deuteronomy 5:29)

The Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day! (Deuteronomy 6:24)

The words “**keep**” (Deuteronomy 5:29) and “**observe**” (Deuteronomy 6:25) are King James translations of an Hebrew word meaning to guard or put a value on something (Strong: Hebrews; 8104); and, interestingly, when Yehovaw refers to guarding or putting a value on the commandments of His toraw or law in His New Testament, the King James translation there is based on a Greek word meaning exactly the same thing - to guard something! (Strong: Greek: 5083)

Introduction (continued)

The First and Great

When we consider that the “**First and Great Commandment**” in Yehovaw’s toraw or law is that His children love Him “**with all thine heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might**” (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37 and 38), which are the three parts of one’s being about which He wrote through His apostle Paul - “**spirit**”, “**soul**” and “**body**” (1st Thessalonians 5:23) - we understand that the guarding of the commandments of His toraw of which He speaks throughout His word to the children of Israel is, actually, to put the highest possible value on them, the result being that

it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us. (Deuteronomy 6:25)

To obtain “our righteousness” is a very important consideration! For He said, through Yeshuaw:

Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven! (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat; All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do! But do not ye after their works! For they say and do not! (Matthew 23:2 and 3)

Hypocrisy and Righteousness

Throughout the remainder of that passage Yehovaw calls, through Yeshuaw, the scribes and the Pharisees “**hypocrites**” (Matthew 23:13); so we learn that hypocrisy in relation to His toraw or law is virtually the opposite of “our righteousness” (Deuteronomy 6:25), by the latter of which one shall “**enter into the kingdom of Heaven**”! (Matthew 5:20)

By “**rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2nd Timothy 2:15), we begin to get an handle on how close and personal Yehovaw really is! For “**our righteousness**” or observing to do “**all these commandments before the Lord our God**” (Deuteronomy 6:25) He then makes the basis on which He blesses or curses us “in the city” or “in the field” in every aspect of our lives, whether of provision, health or protection (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28), by which we understand that “**the kingdom of Heaven**” (Matthew 5:20) is the amazing place in which one enjoys all Yehovaw’s blessings, the sum total of which He regards as “your life”! He said, through Moses:

⁴⁶Set your hearts unto all the words that I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law! ⁴⁷For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life! (Deuteronomy 32:47)

Introduction (continued)

Life in the Toraw

That correlation between keeping the commandments of Yehovaw's toraw or law and "your life" (Deuteronomy 32:47) have never changed, even in His "New Covenant with the house of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:31); He said, through Yeshuaw:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! (Matthew 5:17)

Yeshuaw was asked:

What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (Matthew 19:16)

Yehovaw's answer through Yeshuaw confirms the ongoing basis of His acceptance of children into the life of His Person as expressed through the commandments of His toraw or law:

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments! (Matthew 19:17)

Another Amazing Truth

Comparing that word with something Yehovaw said earlier through Yeshuaw, we come to understand another amazing truth about Him:

If I cast out Devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. (Matthew 12:28)

So we learn that it is "by the Spirit of God" (Matthew 12:28) that "the kingdom of God is come unto you" (Verse 28) and that His kingdom's reality in one's life is seen by such accommodations as having authority even over "devils"! (Verse 28) Yeshuaw's disciples came back from ministering in that authority, boasting,

Lord, even the devils are subject, unto us, through Thy name! (Luke 10:17)

Such power is, simply, one more supernatural manifestation of Yehovaw's "blessings" (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28) and "life"! (Deuteronomy 32:47) And we learn also, from His word, that His life is a choice! He said, through Moses:

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

We have already seen that one's choosing life is fulfilled by simply keeping or putting the highest possible value on the commandments of His toraw or law! (Deuteronomy 32:46 and 47; Matthew 19:17)

Introduction (continued)

More about Him

Would you like to know more about your Creator?

We have barely got started! And already you have learned enough truth about Yehovaw, if you were to believe it and walk in the light of it, to enjoy the life and blessing of His glorious and eternal kingdom, beginning now on Earth (Matthew 6:10; 13:41 to 43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5) and continuing for ever, in Heaven! (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5) Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Thou shalt keep therefore His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the Earth that the Lord thy God giveth thee for ever! (Deuteronomy 4:40)

Yehovaw wrote, through His Prophet:

The saints of the most High shall take the kingdom and possess it for ever, even for ever and ever! (Daniel 7:18)

Weightier Matters

According to Yeshuaw, “**Faith**”, which is to believe something enough to base one’s actions upon it, is one of “**the weightier matters of the law**”! (Matthew 23:23) It also is the basis upon which one may have “**everlasting life**”! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16)

Yehovaw put such truth in His Holy Bible, wanting greatly that you and I know as much as possible about Him; He said, through Moses:

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law! (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

I have called you friends! For all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you! (John 15:15)

Introduction (continued)

Things Yeshuaw Did

There are also many other things that Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written! (John 21:25)

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that, believing, ye might have life through His name! (John 20:31)

Although what Yehovaw has given us to know about Him is, assuredly, only a very small part of what there is to know about Him, it is completely adequate to fulfill His desire for us, His children; because what He tells us through ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit in our hearts, from our mother's womb onward to the last day we breathe, He confirms, in the word He has given us through the writers of His Holy Bible! He said through **Yeshuaw**:

When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth! (John 16:13)

That wonderful access to Yehovaw's truth is ours, if we have not been taught by Satan to disregard Yehovaw's words to us; and, barring that tragedy, the result of walking in His truth becomes an extremely rich and satisfying experience on the way to a glorious eternity with Him, according to His plan for each one of us.

During Old Testament times Yehovaw was, seemingly, a remote Lord God, to the children of Israel, speaking to them once from Mount Sinai but only through prophets after that. He would speak directly with a favorite, occasionally, but only from out of a cloud or in a vision!

Thy Shield and Reward

Yehovaw wrote, through His Recorder:

The word of the Lord came, unto Abram, in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield and thy exceedingly great reward! (Genesis 15:1)

Yehovaw said, to Moses:

Lo, I come, unto thee, in a thick cloud, that the people may hear, when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever! (Exodus 19:9)

Yehovaw wrote, through His Recorder:

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind! (Job 38:1)

But, when Yehovaw sent Yeshuaw to Earth as a man to walk among their children, He sent Him as the “**express image**” (Hebrews 1:3) of Himself , which helped us to know about Him in a much more intimate and personal way!

Introduction (continued)

Knowing My Father

Yeshuaw said:

If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also! And from henceforth ye know Him and have seen Him. (John 14:7)

Philip saith, unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father; and it sufficeth us. (John 14:8)

Jesus saith, unto him, Have I been so long time, with you; and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father! And how sayest thou, then, Show us the Father? (John 14:9)

Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself! But the Father, Who dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. (John 14:10)

These were astounding statements, particularly in the light of Yehovaw's having said, to Moses:

Thou canst not see My face! For there shall no man see Me and live! (Exodus 33:20)

Face of the Father

Yeshuaw was telling His disciple Phillip and the others that they had been looking upon not only the face of Himself but that of Yehovaw the Father, all during His ministry among them. That is a particularly important truth to know! For, when it came time that Yeshuaw allowed wicked men to crucify Him, it was also Yehovaw the Father Who was on that Cross, in the Spirit, right along with Yeshuaw!

Before Yeshuaw left His physical ministry among the children of Israel, He made an even more astounding revelation of relationships between Yehovaw the Father, Him and their children! He prayed, to Yehovaw the Father:

Neither pray I for these alone but for them also who shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. (John 17:20 and 21)

Go with me, now, as I discuss these various fascinating truths about our Lord God in more detail from out of His holy scriptures!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 1 of his Book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 1 - Lord God of Relationships

Lonely Lord God

As vast, awesome and magnificent as Yehovaw is, Himself being comprised of three Persons functioning in one accord (Matthew 28:19; John 16:13 to 15), He must have been lonely! For His book, the Holy Bible, tells of His having created angels, one of whom, by the name of Lucifer, shamelessly rebelled against Him, desiring to take over rulership of the universe! (Isaiah 14:13 and 14)

The next thing we know from Yehovaw's amazing record is that He created children, whom He first put on Earth with physical bodies matching their souls or spirit bodies, in which are their spirits or what we fondly call "the heart" of a person! Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved, blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1st Thessalonians 5:23)

An Amazing Dominion

To these three-part children Yehovaw gave an amazing dominion "over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth"! (Genesis 1:28) And He backed that dominion by the power of ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit! (Mark 11:23; John 14:15 to 17)

If Yehovaw's Children showed gratitude for His presence in their lives, loving Him and keeping or putting the highest possible value upon the commandments of His toraw or law despite all Satan's temptations to do otherwise, He promised to seat the overcomer of those temptations alongside Himself on His throne in Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 3:21 21:2 to 5) and have him or her share in His rulership through Yeshuaw over the nations still on Earth! (Revelation 2:26 and 27)

I am talking about you and me, my beloved visitor; and way back in His toraw or law through Moses, some thirty-five centuries ago Yehovaw addressed an amazing prophecy to us in this climactic time, to show how all this would work out for those who were in right relationship with Him.

Chapter 1 - Lord God of Relationships 1 (continued)

The Blessing and the Cursing

Yehovaw said, through Moses

¹It shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the cursing, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee ²and shalt return unto the LORD thy God and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul ³that then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity and have compassion upon thee and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. (Deuteronomy 30:1 to 3)

If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of Heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee. (Deuteronomy 30:4)

That prophecy has to relate first to Yehovaw's "**Resurrection of Life**" (John 5:29), at which time He "will turn thy captivity and have compassion upon thee and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee" (Deuteronomy 30:3) and from "the outmost parts of Heaven" (Verse 4) - specifically, "**they who have done good**"! (John 5:29)

Awesome Resurrection

Yehovaw's gathering of those righteous children in that awesome "**Resurrection**" (John 5:29), whom He calls "Saints" (Revelation 14:12), will prompt twenty-four elders around His throne in Heaven to worship Him, saying:

We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who art and wast and art to come; because Thou hast taken to Thee thy great power and hast reigned! (Revelation 11:17)

Yehovaw's reign over the nations of Earth through Yeshuaw and His saints will take place ten days (Leviticus 23:23 and 27) after His "**Resurrection of Life**" (John 5:29), when Yeshuaw will return on "a white horse" (Revelation 19:11) with "the armies who were in Heaven" following Him "upon white horses" (Verse 14), who will be the saints (Verse 8) spoken of in His toraw or law (Deuteronomy 33:3), whom He will have gathered from "the outmost parts of Heaven"! (Deuteronomy 30:4)

Chapter 1 - Lord God of Relationships 1 (continued)

Calling Them to Mind

But none of that amazing fulfillment of Yehovaw's plan for the children of Israel will take place until

all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the cursing, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee. (Deuteronomy 30:1)

Guess what ministry is the only one we know any thing about through whom Yehovaw is calling "to mind among all the nations ... the blessing and the cursing"! (Deuteronomy 30:1)

Through the amazing world wide web, the pages of this website are accessible by people "among all the nations" (Deuteronomy 30:1); and it is the only one of which we are aware where Yehovaw's "blessing and ... cursing" (Verse 1) are being presented as the amazing difference between "life and death" (Deuteronomy 30:19) for His children along with His heartfelt plea:

Choose life, that both thou and thy seed may life! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

In the heart of every human being is the desire to know his or her parents! People denied that knowledge, through tragic abandonment or adoption procedures, have sometimes spent their lives, looking for their natural parents!

Spiritual Parents

The same is absolutely true of one's spiritual Parent, Whom we know is, actually, three Persons (Matthew 28:19), Who worked together to create each and every one of us, even as we know it takes a physical father and mother working together to bring one of us into the physical world, which makes a total of five Persons working together to create every one of us! Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

⁹Thou art He Who took me out of the womb! Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts! ¹⁰I was cast upon Thee from the womb! Thou art my God from my mother's belly! (Psalm 22:9 and 10)

In our infancy we know our Lord God; Yehovaw spoke, through Yeshuaw of "these little ones who believe in Me"! (Matthew 18:6)

The evangelist Jesse DuPlantis told his audiences how in a vision he saw souls flying around Yehovaw's throne, crying out to Him, "Make me a spirit", whereupon He would breathe out and send them flying to their Mothers' wombs!

Chapter 1 - Lord God of Relationships 1 (continued)

Them Who Shall Believe

Yeshuaw's prayed, to Yehovaw the Father:

Neither pray I for these alone but for them also who shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.
(John 17:20 and 21)

I repeat that quotation here; because there is a marvelous truth to be learned from it, which can help us understand our relationships with one another and with Yehovaw, the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe!

Yeshuaw prayed “for them also who shall believe on Me through their word”! (John 17:20) The result or purpose of that belief was “that they also may be one in Us”! (John 17:21)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 2 of his Book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 2 - Lord God of Unity

Believing as One

In praying His hope “**that they also may be one in Us**” (John 17:21), Yehovaw was addressing, through Yeshuaw, a problem He had been suffering with His children, which is that, although they are “one” in the sense of being spirits, souls and bodies with the same basic design and substance that He gave all of them, they are not necessarily “one” in what they believe - particularly, the truth of Yehovaw that He sent Yeshuaw to Earth to be (John 14:6): specifically, His “**express image**”! (Hebrews 1:3)

The purpose of Yehovaw’s sending Yeshuaw is a critical thing for His children to know and believe! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16)

Yeshuaw is Yehovaw “**the Word**” (John 1:1), the second Person of the Godhead (Matthew 28:19), Who spoke the universe into existence! (Genesis 1)

Creator of All

Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:3)

So the idea of Yehovaw the Father’s sending Yehovaw the Word to Earth, to become through the virgin Mary “**the Son of God**” (Luke 1:35), Who also called Himself “**the Son of Man**” (Matthew 8:20), is extraordinary! And even more extraordinary are the events of His life, death and resurrection, about which many people know but which few people understand! And that is, really, sad! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom and understandeth it not, then cometh the Wicked One and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart!
(Matthew 13:19)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 2 - Lord God of Unity (continued)

Doing Good

Many People know that Yeshuaw was “anointed ... with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him”. (Acts 10:38) That record included His feeding the multitudes (Matthew 14:14 to 20), casting out devils (Matthew 8:16), stilling the waves (Mark 4:39) and teaching the children of Israel more about their Father in Heaven! In fact, He told them:

He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father! (John 14:9)

That word helps us to understand what Yehovaw meant through His author, when He wrote of Yeshuaw’s “being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person”, Who upholds “all things by the word of his power” and Who, “when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”! (Hebrews 1:3)

The record of Yeshuaw’s personal ministry among the children of Israel was impressive enough! But what was to follow is enough to stagger one’s imagination!

Those Awesome Events

Most people know that Yeshuaw was rejected by “the chief priests, and the scribes and the elders of the people” (Matthew 26:3), who took Him to the Romans and had Him crucified! Some people know or are willing to admit that He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples as a resurrected man! But few people know or understand what the point was of those awesome events, what Yehovaw hoped to achieve by them.

Theories abound! But most of them do not make sense and are offensive to intelligent people! And that usually is the work of Satan, “which deceiveth the whole world”! (Revelation 12:9)

I am here to declare that to know or understand what Yehovaw’s purpose was in commanding Yeshuaw to lay down His life (John 10:17 and 18) is to know and understand the heart of Yehovaw toward His Children and to possess the key to one's entering His glorious and eternal kingdom of life and blessing, to be His god-like friends for evermore!

Chapter 2 - Lord God of Unity (continued)

I Lay Down My Life

Yeshuaw said:

Therefore doth My Father love Me; because I lay down My Life, that I might take it again! No man taketh it from Me; but I lay it down of Myself! I have power to lay it down! And I have power to take it again! This commandment have I received of My Father! (John 10:17 and 18)

That statement implies that, although Yeshuaw's arrest, trial and crucifixion was at the hands of wicked men, He had an absolutely sovereign control over that circumstance, while it was being played out! And to show exactly how much control Yeshuaw did have over the situation, Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth and said, unto them, **Whom seek ye?** (John 18:4)

They answered Him, **Jesus of Nazareth!** (John 18:5)

Jesus saith, unto them, **I AM!** (John 18:5)

A Name of God

"I AM" is the name of Himself that Yehovaw had given Moses, fifteen centuries before! (Exodus 3:14)

As soon then as He had said unto them, **I AM,** they went backward and fell to the ground! (John 18:6)

The arresting party then got up and went on with their wicked business but not without the disturbing suspicion, that had He wanted to, this man of God could easily have disabled them permanently!

Yeshuaw's disciple Peter never had liked the idea that Yeshuaw was to be taken and killed (Matthew 16:22); and, having a sword with him, he struck the ear of a servant of the High Priest, whereupon Yeshuaw healed the servant and rebuked Peter, saying,

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53)

But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? (Matthew 26:54)

Chapter 2 - Lord God of Unity (continued)

Empowering Truth

The empowering truth about Yehovaw of which I speak is all about relationships, between Him and His children and between themselves! And the relationships among His children are no less important than the one between Himself and them: for He bases His relationship with them upon what they are doing, one toward another, whether that be a loving work or an hateful one; He wrote, through His faithful apostle:

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he who loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, Whom he hath not seen?
(1st John 4:20)

Yehovaw recommended, through Yeshuaw, His commandments to love Him and one another as “**First and Great**” (Matthew 22:35 to 40), which means that He did not come through Yeshuaw to bring any commandments more great to the attention of His people, the children of Israel, than He had already given them in His toraw or law through Moses! (Matthew 15:24) Yeshuaw said:

I am not sent but unto the lost Sheep of the house of Israel! (Matthew 15:24)

⁴⁶Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. ⁴⁷But, if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words? (John 5:46 and 47)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 3 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 3 - Lord God of Covenant

New Covenant

Yehovaw's New Covenant would be "with the house of Israel"! (Jeremiah 31:31) And, He wrote, through His prophet:

This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people! (Jeremiah 31:33)

What Yehovaw came to do through Yeshuaw was to emphasize and enlarge His children's understanding of those commandments to include a lot more than they had supposed over the centuries - particularly, His desire that they include their enemies as the "neighbor" He had commanded them to love! (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27)

For hurt to a neighbor, whether he or she be a friend or a foe, was felt, completely, by Yehovaw, Whose spirit is in the neighbor.

Thou Hast Searched Me

Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

O Lord, Thou has searched me and known me; Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off! (Psalm 139:1 and 2)

Thou compassest my path and my lying down and art acquainted with all my ways! For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether! (Psalm 139:3 and 4)

Not only was suffering involved in Yehovaw's children's sinning one against another, His removal of them from His kingdom was required, which He called "death"! He said, to Adam:

Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die! (Genesis 2:17)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 3 - Lord God of Covenant (continued)

The Wages of Sin

Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

The wages of sin is death! (Romans 6:23)

Yehovaw wrote, through Yeshuaw, through His faithful apostle John:

He who overcometh shall not be hurt of the Second Death! (Revelation 2:11)

Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire! This is the Second Death!
(Revelation 20:14)

So the suffering of His children's sinning one against another was felt by Yehovaw, through the communication of ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit! (Psalm 139:1 to 4) But so, also, was the death of His separation from them in their sinning felt by Him; and He wanted His Children to understand that sin costs both the suffering and death of someone other than themselves, even Himself, the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, Who was not worthy of that abuse!

The Atonement

The central part of Yehovaw's toraw or law, which is the terms and conditions of His covenant with the children of Israel, He made to be a ritual that He called "the Atonement"! He said, through Moses:

The life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it, to you, upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls! For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul! (Leviticus 17:11)

²⁷If any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering. ²⁸And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul who sinneth ignorantly ... and it shall be forgiven him. (Numbers 15:27 and 28)

For the "soul" among the Children of Israel to bring such an offering, he would have had to repent of having sinned! Otherwise he would not have been seeking the forgiveness that he knew was the object of every atonement that was made under Yehovaw's toraw or law!

The Word "**repent**" (1st Kings 8:47) is a King James translation of a word meaning to return to the place where one was (Strong: Hebrew: 7725), which is exactly what Yehovaw's atonement is meant to achieve, to return to the blessing of Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom, which had once belonged to the Israelite or his family before he or they had sinned!

Chapter 3 - Lord God of Covenant (continued)

Watching the Suffering

The priest would cut the lamb's throat and cause it to bleed to death; and, when the Israelite who brought the sin offering had watched that suffering and death of innocence, because of his own sin or that of his family, Yehovaw was satisfied and forgave the sinner! (Numbers 15:28)

The forgiveness Yehovaw gives through His atonement He regards as “our righteousness”! (Deuteronomy 6:25) He wrote, through His Author:

By faith Abel offered, unto God, a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous! (Hebrews 11:4)

And, by the righteousness of His child, Yehovaw returns him or her to his or her place in His glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power, which place had been forfeited, the minute the Child had sinned! (Genesis 2:17) That is why the good news about Yehovaw's mercy for the children of Israel He has called His “gospel of the kingdom of God”! (Mark 1:14) He said, through Yeshuaw:

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations! And then shall the end come! (Matthew 24:13)

Right and Wrong

The Israelite's conscience or sense of right and wrong was the target of Yehovaw's Atonement; and the sacrificing of an animal in association with seeking His forgiveness and righteousness, although effective for some, did not suffice for others, who were indifferent to the plight of an animal! Yehovaw wrote, through His author, of His atonement under His old covenant with the house of Israel, that it

was a figure for the time then present ... that could not make him who did the service perfect as pertaining to the conscience! (Hebrews 9:9)

So Yehovaw sent Yehovaw the Word to Earth, to become through the Virgin Mary “Yeshuaw”, which means “salvation”! (Strong: Hebrew: 3444) Yeshuaw would be both “the Son of God” (Luke 1:35) and “the Son of Man” (Mark 2:10); He would teach and astound Yehovaw's children; and then He would offer His own body and blood as the ultimate “sin offering” of all time! (Numbers 15:27)

Once in the Fall of each year, Yehovaw had the High Priest of Israel perform a ritual wherein he “made an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel”! (Leviticus 16:17)

Chapter 3 - Lord God of Covenant (continued)

Day of Atonement

That “**Day of Atonement**” (Leviticus 23:27) was actually a dress rehearsal for what Yeshuaw would do as Yehovaw’s High Priest; He wrote, through His author:

In all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people! (Hebrews 2:17)

Yeshuaw told His disciples that His blood would be “**of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**”! (Matthew 26:28) His Blood having been shed, Yeshuaw prayed:

Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

The minute Yeshuaw prayed that prayer of forgiveness, He transformed an outrageously cruel and deathly injustice against Him into Yehovaw’s merciful provision of the atonement in His toraw or law! Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

We ... joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received the atonement! (Romans 5:11)

Yeshuaw said:

¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! (Matthew 5:17)

The atonement of Yehovaw’s toraw or law (Leviticus 17:11) was, primarily, what Yeshuaw came “**to fulfill**”! (Matthew 5:17)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 4 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 4 - Lord God of Forgiveness

Confessing Our Sins

One's way of receiving the amazing atonement Yehovaw provided through Yeshuaw under His "New Covenant with the house of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:31) He described through His faithful Apostle:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance! (Matthew 9:13)

Repent! For the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! (Matthew 4:17)

In that context "repent" is the King James translation of a Greek word meaning to "think differently"! (Strong: Greek: 3340) Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Sin is the transgression of the law! (1st John 3:4)

Thinking Differently

So repentance is thinking differently about the commandments of Yehovaw's toraw or law, which is at the heart of what He required of the children of Israel to avail themselves of His forgiveness on the Day of Atonement! Yehovaw commanded, through Moses:

Ye shall afflict your souls! (Leviticus 16:31)

Forgiven and righteous, the children of Israel can be assured of their place in Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power, which is the fulfillment of His hearts desire that not "**one of these little ones should perish**" (Matthew 18:14) "**but have everlasting life**"! (John 3:16)

Chapter 4 - Lord God of Forgiveness (continued)

His Holy City

Yehovaw wrote, through Yeshuaw, through His faithful apostle John, of His “the holy city, New Jerusalem” (Revelation 21:2):

³There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him; ⁴and they shall see His face! And His name shall be in their foreheads! (Revelation 22:3 and 4)

There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun! For the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever! (Revelation 22:5)

Good interpersonal relationships are based upon each person understanding and caring for the other! And, by His “**First and Great Commandment**” (Matthew 22:37 and 38) and His “**second ... like unto it**” (Verse 39), Yehovaw has ordained good interpersonal relationships to be His highest priority among the children of Israel!

Yehovaw has had no problem understanding and caring for His children! But He has had an awful problem with their understanding of and caring for Him, which has severely limited His ability to respond favorably to them! So His atonement is the provision He lovingly put into His toraw or law to overcome the misunderstanding and indifference that has plagued His children’s relationship to Him!

Becoming as Children

When Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh (Strong: Hebrew: 4899), the “Messiah” (Daniel 9:25) or “the Christ” (Matthew 16:20) walked on Earth among the children of Israel, Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven! (Matthew 18:3)

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven! And whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me! (Matthew 18:4 and 5)

What caused Yehovaw to speak through Yeshuaw so highly of the “**little child**”? (Matthew 18:4) His next statement explains:

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 4 - Lord God of Forgiveness (continued)

Whoso Shall Offend

Whoso shall offend one of these little ones who believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea! (Matthew 18:6)

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say, unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father Who is in Heaven! (Matthew 18:11)

How do “these little ones” (Matthew 18:6) come to believe in Yehovaw, unless they came from His throne room, as the Evangelist Jesse DuPlantis testified that he saw! Yehovaw wrote, of Yeshuaw, through His faithful apostle:

He was the true Light, which lighteth every man who cometh into the world! (John 1:9)

The beginning consciousness of every single one of us was gloriously lightened by the presence and words of Yehovaw, as spoken in our hearts by Yeshuaw through ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit! (John 17:8)

His Eternal Power

Yehovaw wrote through His apostle Paul, of the “unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18):

¹⁹That which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse! (Romans 1:19 and 20)

In speaking of His salvation for the children of Israel, Yehovaw always spoke, through Yeshuaw, of their returning to something that they had left! He said, through His prophet:

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way! (Isaiah 53:6)

How does one "go astray" from somewhere he has never been?

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 4 - Lord God of Forgiveness (continued)

Seeking the Lost

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

If a man have an hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray? (Matthew 18:12)

And, if so be that he find it, verily I say, unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine that went not astray. Even so, it is not the will of your Father Who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish! (Matthew 18:13 and 14)

To "perish" is a frightful thought! I and my wife once found ourselves trapped in a car with flames licking up along the ceiling from the rear, where a driver fleeing from the police had rear-ended us doing eighty miles per hour! We were saved by the police, just minutes before the fuel tank exploded; but our state of horror prior to that saving was a terrible feeling!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 5 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 5 - Lord God of Judgment

Heroic Policemen

The city council of that city arranged for my wife and I to honor the four policemen who had hazarded their lives to save us; and for years my wife brought special treats to the police department in that city, every Christmas, to express our gratitude for the additional years they had given to our lives by their brave heroism!

There is always something terrible to be avoided, in this life; and Yehovaw does not want that which is terrible for His children: I deal with that terrible thing, on this website's page on Yehovaw's Judgment of Death! (32422300 Yehovaw's Death)

Servants of Satan often ask why one should honor and serve a Lord God who has created and ordained such places as Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) or His Lake of Fire! (Revelation 20:15) My answer is to remind them that their horror expresses Yehovaw's great love for His righteous children and the intensity of His indignation for those who choose to violate them and disrupt the desire of His heart for their safety and pleasure!

Good Will Toward Men

Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle, of "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying" (Luke 2:13):

Glory to God in the highest! And on Earth peace, good will toward men! (Luke 2:14)

So we do indeed come into the world as "little ones" (Matthew 18:6), believing in Yehovaw and being "one" (John 17:20) in thought and purpose with Him! Our circumstances in an unbelieving world crowd in, on us; and we forget Him, over the years, along with all He wanted us to believe about Him; and that breaks His precious heart; because He knows the painful consequences of the sin and degradation to which such unbelief invariably leads! (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28)

Chapter 5 - Lord God of Judgment (continued)

Unthinkable Violence

The unthinkable violence of terrorists against all mankind today is an expression of how terrible men's hearts can become toward their fellows under Satan; and the degree to which Yehovaw is giving him license to do such things through his servants (Job 1:12; 2:6) is a demonstration of the urgency that Yehovaw presently feels that His children wake up, repent, confess their sins and be saved, before His return to Earth through Yeshuaw must include an awful judgment upon those who have refused the mercy of His law's amazing atonement (Leviticus 16:17) and His fulfillment of it through Yeshuaw in behalf of all His children on Earth! (Matthew 5:17; Romans 5:11)

Yeshuaw told a beautiful story that illustrates Yehovaw the Father's love, along with something of the nature of perishing:

A certain man had two sons! And the younger of them said, to his Father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me! And his Father divided, unto them, his living! (Luke 15:11 and 12)

Not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his Journey into a far country and there wasted his substance with riotous living! (Luke 15:13)

A Mighty Famine

When he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want! And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and the citizen sent him into his fields to feed swine! He would have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him. (Luke 15:14 to 16)

When he came to himself, the wayward son said, How many hired servants of my Father's have bread enough and to spare? And I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my Father and will say, unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before thee and am no more worthy to be called thy son! Make me as one of thy hired servants! (Luke 15:17 to 19)

He arose and came to his father; but, when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him; and the son said, unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and in thy Sight and am no more worthy to be called thy son! (Luke 15:20 and 21)

Chapter 5 - Lord God of Judgment (continued)

The Best Robe

The father said, to his servants, Bring forth the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet! And bring hither the fatted calf and kill it; and let us eat and be merry! For this, my son, was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found! And they began to be merry! (Luke 15:22 to 24)

The Lord God gives "power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing" to the worthy (Revelation 5:12), along with the fruits of His Spirit of "love, "joy" and "peace" (Galatians 5:22), by the judgments of His covenant (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28), in response to how well His children have understood and accepted the truth of Himself that Yeshuaw showed on the cross, which was the suffering and death that Yehovaw goes through for every sin that one of His children commits against a neighbor!

Yehovaw wrote, through His recorder, that He regards the husbands and wives of His children to be "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24), which He then quoted in His teaching of them through Yeshuaw (Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:8) and the apostle Paul in his writings! (1st Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:31)

Oneness of Partners

Still, we are perfectly aware that the husbands and wives of any nation are not Siamese twins! So the oneness of partners in marriage spoken of in Yehovaw's holy scriptures, we must assume, relates to oneness of thought, purpose and action!

Similarly, we find the functions of the different Persons of the Godhead, as Yehovaw described them, easily explaining how they function in one accord, even while retaining specific characteristics setting them apart as distinct individuals! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself! But whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak! And He will show you things to come! (John 16:13)

He shall glorify Me! For He shall receive of Mine and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine! Therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine and shall show it unto you! (John 16:14 and 15)

In the book of Genesis we read that "God said, Let there be light: and there was light". (Genesis 1:3) So we are shown that Yehovaw the Father gave Yehovaw the Word, Yeshuaw or the Lamb the Idea, Word or Image of His light, which concept Yeshuaw then spoke in His role as Yehovaw "the Word". (John 1:1)

Chapter 5 - Lord God of Judgment (continued)

Power of the Spirit

The fact that in consequence of that command "**there was light**" (Verse 3) attests to the power of ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, to hear that command (John 16:13) and then show, to all creatures in the universe, the light of Yehovaw to which it related!

It is difficult to talk of each Person of the Godhead separately, more than to identify Him, since all three continually function together to accomplish any one act of creation or their ongoing acts of controlling and maintaining the universe! Yehovaw wrote, through His author, of Yeshuaw, of His

being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His Person and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high! (Hebrews 1:3)

The relationships between the persons of the Godhead Yehovaw has expressed through their names!

I have already pointed out that the holy trinity of divine persons is reflected, first of all, in the name "Yehovaw", which means "self-existent" or "eternal"! (Strong: Hebrew: 3068) And James Strong tells us, additionally, that Yehovaw is "the Jewish national name of God"! (3068)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 6 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 6 - Lord God of Fellowship

Another Name for God

“El” is another Hebrew name for God, which is the last syllable of “Israel” (Genesis 32:28; Strong: Hebrew: 3478), the name Yehovaw gave to Jacob! And that gave rise to Yehovaw’s word through His prophet:

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name! (Jeremiah 14:9)

We also find the Name "El" in the Name “Elohiym”, and as a reflection of the three Persons of the Godhead, Yehovaw continually makes reference, in His Holy Bible, to the Name “Elohiym”, which in the Hebrew is the plural form for "El", meaning literally “Gods”!

Yehovaw prepared Earth to be the arena in which He would fulfill His fondest desire, which has been the creation and development of children who would virtually be gods!

Ye Are Gods

Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High! (Psalm 82:6)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? (John 10:34)

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came - and the Scripture cannot be broken - say ye of Him, Whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? (John 10:35 and 36)

Yehovaw gave these “gods”, His Children on Earth, a dominion of their own “over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth” (Genesis 1:28), ultimately to sit on His throne with Him (Revelation 3:21) and to have “power over the nations”! (Revelation 2:29)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 6 - Lord God of Fellowship (continued)

They Who Overcome

But Yehovaw reserved that high honor only for him or her “**who overcometh and keepeth My works unto the end**” (Revelation 2:29), for him or her who has functioned strictly in accord with “**the will of My Father Who is in Heaven**”! (Matthew 7:21)

Yehovaw’s efforts to fulfill His desire for mankind through the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve failed miserably! So, after the Great Flood, He tried again, through Noah and his wife; and their children, also, went their own ways!

So Yehovaw determined to raise up “**a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the Earth**” (Deuteronomy 14:2), with whom He would establish an unique covenant by which to become

a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the Earth!
(Isaiah 49:6)

Yehovaw said, to a Samaritan Woman:

Ye worship ye know not what! We know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews! (John 4:22)

Yehovaw commanded, through Yeshuaw, His Disciples:

Go ye ... and teach all nations ... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19 and 20)

Thou Art Rich

Yehovaw wrote, through Yeshuaw, through His faithful apostle John:

I know thy works and tribulation and poverty; but thou art rich! And I know the blasphemy of them who say they are Jews and are not but are the synagogue of Satan! (Revelation 2:9)

Fear none of those things that thou shalt suffer: behold, the Devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried! And ye shall have tribulation ten days! Be thou faithful unto death; and I will give thee a crown of life! (Revelation 2:10)

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but do lie, behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet and to know that I have loved thee! (Revelation 3:9)

Chapter 6 - Lord God of Fellowship (continued)

A Different People

The People who claim to be Jews today are not those of Yehovaw's early church, Who acknowledged, worshiped and served Yeshuaw as ha Mawshiyakh, the "Messiah" (Daniel 9:25) or "the Christ"! (Matthew 16:20) Most Jews of today continue to reject Yeshuaw as being more than a prophet among them at one time, who was crucified and, so far as they are concerned, that was the end of Him.

The Jews who rejected Yeshuaw as ha Mawshiyakh (Strong: Hebrew: 4899), the "Messiah" (Daniel 9:25) or "the Christ" (Matthew 16:20) necessarily failed to avail themselves of the atonement that He made of His own body and blood (Matthew 26:28) on the cross (Luke 23:34) "for all the congregation of Israel"! (Leviticus 16:17) And in that failure they have not overcome the severe disadvantage that Yehovaw thrust upon them for their sins of letting the Romans destroy His temple in Jerusalem, which was the only place where His ritual of the atonement could be performed!

So for two thousand years the unbelieving Jews have been without a way by which to participate in Yehovaw's atonement for them; and they have suffered greatly for that critical deficiency in their spiritual life before Him and have failed to be

a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the Earth!
(Isaiah 49:6)

Gentiles in Darkness

In the meanwhile, Yehovaw's Gentile church have languished in the darkness that the Jews were supposed to have dispelled for them (Matthew 28:19 and 20), by being "My salvation unto the end of the Earth" (Isaiah 49:6), having believed and accepted the apostle Paul's notion that

ye are not under the law (Romans 6:14; Galatians 5:18),

that there is such a thing as

the righteousness of God without the law (Romans 3:21)

or

that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (Romans 3:28)

So the unbelieving Jews were judged, severely, in the Romans' conquering Jerusalem in 70 A.D., burning and dismantling the temple, killing thousands of them and dispersing thousands more into slavery all over the Western world!

Chapter 6 - Lord God of Fellowship (continued)

Conquering Jerusalem

Yehovaw gave, through Yeshuaw, a clear warning to His disciples, to help them avoid that terrible judgment (Matthew 24); and, of course, those Who refused to believe Him got caught in the middle of it all.

With the Temple gone, the Jews who rejected Yeshuaw as ha Mawshiyakh (Strong: Hebrew: 4899), the “Messiah” (Daniel 9:25) or “the Christ” (Matthew 16:20) no longer had a place in which to conduct the atonement ritual of Yehovaw’s Old Covenant with them; their leaders wickedly robbed them of knowing about Yehovaw’s awesome atonement through Yeshuaw of His “**New Covenant with the house of Israel**” (Jeremiah 31:31; Matthew 26:28), which did not require a temple to be effective in behalf of its receiver! He wrote, through His faithful apostle:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

So Yehovaw’s cursing upon the Jews has continued to this day, through “pogroms”, tribulation or holocaust, and, ultimately, through the hatred toward them of the Moslems, which has expressed itself in the horrible, unrelenting bloodshed that the Jews have suffered under present-day terrorism along with any one who has helped them!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 7 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 7 - Lord God of Leadership

Islamic Terrorists

Islamic terrorists have unleashed terrible suffering and death upon all people of the world who have tried to help the cursed Jews in any way! Yehovaw wrote, through His Prophet:

Awake! Awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling and wrung them out! (Isaiah 51:17)

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem!
(Zechariah 12:2)

In anticipation of such horrendous events, Yehovaw began His spiritual leadership for the world with one man, whom He called “Abraham”, which means “Father of a multitude”!
(Strong: Hebrew: 85)

Amazing Obedience

Abraham showed an amazing capacity for obedience to Yehovaw; and Yehovaw told him:

In thy seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My voice! (Genesis 22:18)

To fulfill that promise to Abraham, Yehovaw gave him a son through Sarah, whom He named “Isaac” (Genesis 21:3), which means “laughter”! (Strong: Hebrew: 3327) And to Isaac Yehovaw gave, through Rebekah, twin sons, whose names were Esau and Jacob!

The people of leadership whom Yehovaw had in mind would be established through Jacob, whom Yehovaw subjected to twenty-one years of service to an uncle, during which time he gave conception to four wives, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah, thirteen times, twelve of which produced sons, who became the twelve tribes of the people Yehovaw had in mind!

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 7 - Lord God of Leadership (continued)

Back to Canaan

All of that took place in what we know today as Syria, from which Yehovaw told Jacob to return to the Land of Canaan, which became what we now know as the land of “Israel”! But before Jacob could complete his journey, Yehovaw gave him the name “Israel” (Genesis 32:28), which means “He will rule as God”! (Strong: Hebrew: 3478)

There is only one Person in the entire universe Who would ever qualify to “rule as God”, which is the Person of the Godhead Whom Yehovaw the Father sent to Earth as Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh (Strong: Hebrew: 4899), the “Messiah” (Daniel 9:25) or “the Christ” (Matthew 16:20), to become through the virgin Mary both “the Son of God” (Luke 1:35) and “the Son of Man” (Mark 2:10), so that, when He did rule, it would be both as a Man and “as God”: for He is God, being Yehovaw “the Word” (John 1:1), the second Person of the Godhead! (Matthew 28:19)

Yehovaw’s giving the amazing name “Israel” to Jacob caused his twelve sons to become the “children of Israel” or the children of Him Who “will rule as God”! So the unique people of leadership whom Yehovaw had in mind being “a light to the Gentiles” (Isaiah 49:6) would actually be the children of Yeshuaw!

Marvelous Plan

So, until Yehovaw sent Yeshuaw among His Children and they believed Him and went to “teach all nations ... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19 and 20), That marvelous plan could not be fulfilled!

Tragically, to this day that plan of Yehovaw has not been fulfilled: for, under the leadership of the apostle Paul, Satan tempted Yehovaw’s apostles in Jerusalem to write to the Gentiles:

We have heard, that certain who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment! (Acts 15:24)

Those infamous apostles then reduced, to four simple rules (Acts 15:28 and 29), their teaching to the Gentiles from “all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19 and 20), which would have included all six hundred thirteen of Yehovaw’s commandments in His toraw or law through Moses! (Matthew 5:17 and 18; 19:17; 23:2, 3 and 23)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 7 - Lord God of Leadership (continued)

A Terrible Lack

Absent from the apostles' teaching to the Gentiles were “**the First and Great Commandment**” (Matthew 22:38) “**and the second ... like unto it**” (Verse 39) - specifically, to love Yehovaw (Deuteronomy 6:5) and one's neighbor (Leviticus 19:18) - to which Yehovaw gave so much attention through Yeshuaw: for upon them “**hang all the law and the prophets**”! (Verse 40)

So the Gentiles' efforts to follow Yehovaw through Yeshuaw's teachings have been terribly confused by that false direction from the apostles (Acts 15:24), as well as the writings of the apostle Paul, declaring such confusion as “ye are not under the law but under grace” (Romans 6:14), when Yehovaw shows His mercy

unto thousands of them who love Me and keep My commandments! (Exodus 20:6)

Paul wrote: “**If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law**” (Galatians 5:18), when one cannot be given ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, unless he or she shall “**keep My commandments**”! (John 14:15)

Greater Love

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends! Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (John 15:13 and 14)

Yeshuaw would be laying down His life for His friends; and only those children of Yehovaw who did what He commanded them would qualify as His friends!

Relationships among persons are meaningless without events by which to give them expression and ultimately to fulfill them according to the purpose for which Yehovaw has created them.

Trying to trace the Persons of the Godhead back through His Old Covenant dealings with the children of Israel is a difficult but not impossible task! Ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, was well represented, clear back to the recreation of Earth! (Genesis 1:2)

Chapter 7 - Lord God of Leadership (continued)

Lamb of Mystery

To keep Satan guessing about Yehovaw's plan of salvation for the house of Israel, Yeshuaw or the Lamb was not revealed to them as a Person separate from the Father within the Godhead of Yehovaw Elohiym until the day of preparation for His "**new covenant with the house of Israel**" (Jeremiah 31:31), when Yehovaw sent Yeshuaw into the womb of His human mother Mary! (Luke 1:35)

The fact that Yehovaw Elohiym, the Lord God, is comprised of actual Persons and not just a "force" or a "wind" or some other impersonal manifestation is extremely good news for a world to which Satan has grievously lied concerning the nature and persons of their great and magnificent creator!

Made "**in the image of God**" (Genesis 1:27), we are social creatures very much affected by what is going on around us among our own kind! And to know that one of our own kind happens to be Yehovaw Elohiym, the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, is an extremely profound consideration, which cannot help but drastically alter a person's perception of himself or herself and all of life!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 8 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 8 - Lord God of Kingship

Demands of Payment

Tax collectors confronted Yeshuaw's disciple Peter with demands of payment for him and for Yeshuaw; and Yeshuaw had a question for him:

What thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of Earth take custom or tribute, of their own children or of strangers? (Matthew 17:25)

Peter saith, unto him, Of strangers! (Matthew 17:26)

Jesus saith, unto him, Then are the children free! Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea and cast an hook and take the fish that first cometh up! And, when thou hast opened its mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money! That take and give, unto them, for Me and thee! (Matthew 17:26 and 27)

Peter was a child of the king of the universe and therefore free of exacted duty! (Matthew 20:25) For under Yehovaw's toraw or law there is no such thing! The duty of each child of Israel is that of loving and voluntarily obeying the magnificent, eternal and all powerful Lord God directly over him or her! (John 14:15 and 21)

Fishing for Tax

But for the time being Yehovaw had better things for His children to be doing than raising up an insurrection against the people He had put over them, because of their many sins against Him! So Yeshuaw had Peter go fishing and miraculously provided the money to appease the tax collectors! Yeshuaw said, to His disciples:

Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself! But the Father Who dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. (John 14:10)

Yeshuaw declared the Father as being He "Who dwelleth in Me" (John 14:10) and that it was He Who "doeth the works"! (Verse 10)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 8 - Lord God of Kingship (continued)

Kingdom of God

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.
(Matthew 12:28)

Yehovaw also clearly indicated, through Yeshuaw, that it was ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit, by Whom He would

preach the gospel to the poor ... heal the broken hearted ... preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised! (Luke 4:18)

That Spirit within Yeshuaw was undoubtedly "**the Father Who dwelleth in Me**", Who "**doeth the works**"! (John 14:10) So we are obliged to recognize a very close relationship between Yehovaw the Father, Yeshuaw and ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit!

That is why Yeshuaw said that He would "**pray the Father! And He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth**"! (John 14:16 and 17)

Yeshuaw in the Father

At the same time, Yeshuaw asked His disciples to believe that "**I am in the Father and the Father in Me**"! (John 14:10) So all three Persons of the Godhead are marvelously close in their relationship and functioning! In any particular manifestation it is virtually impossible to consider any one of them without considering the other two! They are three sides of a coin, if you will, none of Whom can or will function without the other two!

It is impossible to act without first thinking of the act; so Yehovaw the Father's thought, word or image leads to Yehovaw the Word's speaking it, which is realized by ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, the entire process being a completely integrated and interdependent phenomenon!

As God the word and the Person Who was permitted to appear among Yehovaw's children, Yeshuaw was apparent enough, in all that He did to get His people's attention! Yehovaw's Holy Spirit was the One Who empowered Yeshuaw, in all that He did, as He enables every child of Yehovaw; so ha Kodesh Ruakh has become well known and highly appreciated by every person who has been listening to Him. (Deuteronomy 28:1)

Chapter 8 - Lord God of Kingship (continued)

Amazing Phenomenon

The co-creation of all things by the Persons of the Godhead, Yehovaw "**the Father**", "**the Son**" and "**the Holy Ghost**" (Matthew 28:19), is amazing enough! But, when we get into studying their relationship to the children They created on Earth, the phenomenon gets more amazing still!

In all that Yeshuaw did through ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, Yeshuaw faithfully honored Yehovaw the Father, declaring:

The Father hath not left Me alone! For I do always those things that please Him.
(John 8:29)

At the same time, Yehovaw insisted, through Yeshuaw, that His people, too, honor the Father, saying:

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name! (Matthew 6:12)

Whosoever shall do the Will of My Father Who is in Heaven the same is My brother and sister and mother! (Matthew 12:50) And

Not every one who saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven but he who doeth the will of My Father Who is in Heaven! (Matthew 7:21)

Yehovaw's Will

So, as we study Yehovaw's Word through Yeshuaw, "the Will" of Yehovaw the Father becomes a matter of great concern for us; and it is an extremely high priority to determine of what that will consists! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

It is not the will of your Father Who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish! (Matthew 18:14)

Yehovaw's holy scriptures give one to understand that Yehovaw the Father, Whom Yeshuaw came to reveal, is motivated by a wonderful love for His children! Yehovaw told Nicodemus, through Yeshuaw:

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16)

Chapter 8 - Lord God of Kingship (continued)

Ultimate Love

The Salvation of His children is the ultimate expression of Yehovaw's great love for them, which is by His mercy, the second of His "weightier matters of the law"! (Matthew 23:23) Still, it is His judgment that there be an alternative to "everlasting life" (John 3:16), for those who will not believe in Yeshuaw, about which He warned the children of Israel, through Yeshuaw, many times! He will say, through Yeshuaw, to the rebellious, who have refused to do the good He advocates through the commandments of His law:

Depart, from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels! (Matthew 25:41)

He who overcometh shall inherit all things! And I will be his God! And he shall be My son! But the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars shall have their part in the Lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the Second Death! (Revelation 21:8)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 9 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 9 - Lord God of Faith

Weightier Matters

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, to the scribes and Pharisees, that “**the weightier matters of the law**” are judgment, mercy and faith! (Matthew 23:23) His Judgment relates to the rewards or punishments He gives to His children for things they have done, while His mercy relates to where He permits them to dwell, whether in His glorious and eternal Kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power or in the cursed world and later, in the spirit realm, whether in His glorious Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5) or torrid Hell! (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29)

“**Faith**” (Matthew 23:23) includes the element of belief, certainly; but considered as one of Yehovaw’s “**weightier matters of the law**” (Verse 23), it leads both to Yehovaw’s “**judgment**” (Verse 23) of reward and His “**mercy**” (Verse 23), which are the first and second of His “**weightier matter of the law**”! (Verse 23)

Justly Rewarded

The believer who desires in his or her heart to obey the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law is the child whom Yehovaw justly rewards for the good that he or she has done for neighbors and whom He mercifully enlivens and blesses rather than deadens and curses, as He does the unbeliever who will not obey Him! (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28)

So the Faith that Yehovaw continually taught through Yeshuaw related to a belief that moves a person to obey the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law! In fact, the believer’s desire to obey Him is the very basis on which Yehovaw mercifully accepts His children into His glorious and eternal Kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power! (Exodus 20:6; John 3:5; 14:15 to 17; 15:13 and 14)

By Yehovaw’s mercy, He offered His atonement to the children of Israel through His toraw or law, which is the ritual by which He reveals to them the Truth of His suffering and death in their sinning against Him.

Chapter 9 - Lord God of Faith (continued)

Yehovaw's Hope

Yehovaw's hope was that by watching an innocent lamb bleed and die or, finally, by watching the righteous and loving Yeshuaw bleed and die as Yehovaw the Father's "express image" (Hebrews 1:3) would cause His children to repent and desire to do only good from then on, their consciences having been perfected! (Hebrews 9:9)

With the ritual of atonement having been suffered by the sinner in behalf of himself and his family, his conscience having been thus purged "from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews 9:14), Yehovaw was then willing to forgive him and his family (Numbers 15:27 and 28; 1st John 1:9), particularly by His atonement of the "New Testament", which Yeshuaw said His sacrificed blood would be of! (Matthew 26:28)

Yeshuaw's body being broken and His blood shed two thousand years ago was a key event staged by our Lord God of events; and its saving effect upon today's sinner is gained by those who preach "the gospel of the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:14), who bring Yeshuaw's suffering and death to the attention of their listeners!

Ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Spirit of Truth, then communicates, to the hearer of the gospel, the reality of Yeshuaw's crucifixion and the truth of Yehovaw's suffering and death for His children's sinning against Him that every atonement of His toraw or law was intended to reveal!

Marvelous Event

That marvelous event having been created anew for the listener, Yehovaw hopes it will reprove his or her heart of sin (John 16:8), whether for the first time or after further sins may have been committed, as revealed to him or her by the same Holy Spirit; and, when the listener confesses those sins to Yehovaw the Father, in his or her heart,

He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

The effectiveness of that process of preaching and repenting is what prompted Yehovaw to write, through His apostle Paul:

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one who believeth! (Romans 1:16)

Yehovaw's holy scriptures teach us that His forgiving a child relates to His restoring him or her to his or her place in His glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power, first on Earth (Matthew 6:10; 12:28; 13:41 to 43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5) and later in Heaven! (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5)

Chapter 9 - Lord God of Faith (continued)

Going to Paradise

The fulfillment of Yehovaw's Old Covenant with the house of Israel was for the righteous dead to be brought to "the heart of the Earth" (Matthew 12:40) to the comfort of "Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22), while the fulfillment of His "New Covenant with the house of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:31) lies, for the time being, in His righteous dead's being taken to "Paradise"! (Luke 23:43)

In the scriptural sense, a "covenant" (Jeremiah 31:31) or "testament" (Matthew 26:28) is simply a "contract" (Strong: Greek: 1242), which necessarily requires that conditions be met; and Yehovaw calls His children's failure to meet them "sin"! He wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Sin is the transgression of the law! (1st John 3:4)

Yehovaw has been feeling the suffering and death of His children's sin since Adam's and Eve's disobedience in the Garden of Eden! And He expressed that suffering and death through Yeshuaw as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"! (Isaiah 53:4 and 5; Revelation 13:8)

Two Way Street

Yehovaw had Yeshuaw leave His glory in Heaven (John 17:5), to become a brother to their children on Earth (Leviticus 25:47 and 48) and to shed His blood for them (Leviticus 17:11), by submitting to the brutal hands of wicked men! (John 10:17 and 18) But He commanded His disciples to do something too! The night Yeshuaw knew His murderers would be coming for Him, He

took bread and blessed it and brake it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take! Eat! This is My body! (Matthew 26:26)

And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it, to them, saying, All of you drink of it: for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins! (Matthew 26:27 and 28)

I say, unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom! (Matthew 26:29)

Chapter 9 - Lord God of Faith (continued)

Drinking the Cup

The disciples' eating the bread representing Yeshuaw's broken body and drinking the wine representing His shed blood was their acceptance, ahead of His doing it, of the atonement that He would be making of His own body and blood "for all the congregation of Israel" (Leviticus 16:17) "for many for the remission of sins"! (Matthew 26:28)

According to the apostle Paul, Yeshuaw

took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My blood! This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me! (1st Corinthians 11:25)

"As oft as ye drink it" (1st Corinthians 11:25) implies other occasions when "the cup" is drunk; but the difficulty there lies in figuring out, from the commandments of Yehovaw's toraw or law, to what regularly observed ritual Yeshuaw may have been referring, in that commandment.

It was Yehovaw's Feast of "the Passover" (Matthew 26:17 to 19) that Yeshuaw and His disciples were observing, when Yeshuaw gave that commandment; but, when we go to Yehovaw's commandments concerning that Feast, we find no "cup" required!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 10 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 10 - Lord God of Sacrifice

Eating the Flesh

Yehovaw said, through Moses, of the Passover Lamb:

They shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. (Exodus 12:8)

That's it! There were no more than those three items - the flesh, the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs - that Yehovaw mentioned through Moses in preparation for His children's leaving the bondage of Egypt! There are those who tell us that Jewish tradition requires that a cup of wine be a part of the Passover meal; but Jewish tradition requires all kinds of things that are extraneous to Yehovaw's holy scriptures!

One Jewish tradition requires, to this day, that the Passover be observed in the homes of Jews every Spring, ignoring Yehovaw's commandment, through Moses:

Thou shalt ... sacrifice the passover unto the Lord thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place that the Lord shall choose to place His name there.
(Deuteronomy 16:2)

Where to Sacrifice

⁵Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. ⁶But at the place in which the Lord thy God shall choose to place His name, there thou shalt sacrifice the Passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt! (Deuteronomy 16:5 and 6)

And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place that the Lord thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn, in the morning, and go unto thy tents! (Deuteronomy 16:7)

“The place that the Lord shall choose to place His name there” (Deuteronomy 16:2) is a typical reference that Yehovaw often used through Moses to indicate where He would be locating His temple, which was in Jerusalem, which was the only place where Yehovaw permitted sacrifices to be made according to His toraw or law!

Chapter 10 - Lord God of Sacrifice (continued)

The Chosen Place

Yehovaw said, through Moses:

¹³Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest! ¹⁴But in the place that the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings; and there thou shalt do all that I command thee. (Deuteronomy 12:13 and 14)

The language “thou shalt turn, in the morning, and go unto thy tents” (Deuteronomy 16:7) implies an all-night celebration of the Passover in Jerusalem, which was only possible so long as there was a temple in which to “sacrifice the Passover”! (Deuteronomy 16:6)

When Yehovaw permitted the Romans to conquer Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and destroy His temple, anyone not knowing of the New Covenant atonement that Yeshuaw made “for all the congregation of Israel” (Leviticus 16:17) “for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28), had no way of obtaining the forgiveness usually sought through the Old Covenant atonement of the animal sacrifice!

The Father’s Forgiveness

From the cross, Yeshuaw prayed for Yehovaw the Father to “forgive them: for they know not what they do”! (Luke 23:34) And then Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

Yeshuaw’s prayer from the cross made Yehovaw’s forgiveness universally accessible without His temple or the animal sacrifices usually performed in it! And Yehovaw’s word through John told them the simple thing He requires to obtain it; it is so simple as admitting that one has sinned and in what way, so simple that a child can understand it. The apostle Paul wrote:

We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom we have now received the atonement! (Romans 5:11)

So Paul understood the way Yehovaw had provided through His “New Covenant with the house of Israel!” (Jeremiah 31:31) by which to have “received the atonement”. (Romans 5:11)

Chapter 10 - Lord God of Sacrifice (continued)

Involved with the Law

But it appears, by Paul's extremely damaging teaching (Romans 3:21 and 28; 6:14; Galatians 5:18), that He completely misunderstood how inextricably involved Yehovaw's atonement is with His toraw or law, how central His atonement is to His "mercy" (Matthew 23:23), which is the second of His "weightier matters of the law" (Verse 23) and how without the law there would have been no basis for there even to have been an atonement that Yeshuaw could as Yehovaw's High Priest (Hebrews 2:17) have made "for all the congregation of Israel" (Leviticus 16:17) "for many for the remission of sins"! (Matthew 26:28) Yeshuaw said:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! For verily I say, unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled! (Matthew 5:17 and 18)

Heaven and Earth are, still, very much here! So one must assume that "jots" or "tittles" have in no wise passed from Yehovaw's toraw or law! (Matthew 5:18)

Purpose of the Revelation

The whole purpose of the revelation made by Yeshuaw in fulfilling (Matthew 5:17) the atonement of Yehovaw's toraw or law (Leviticus 17:11) with His own body and blood (Matthew 26:26 to 28) on the cross (Luke 23:34) was to cause the children of Israel to repent of their sins (Matthew 9:13), confess them (1st John 1:9) and be forgiven "from all unrighteousness" (Verse 9); because it was "for many for the remission of sins"! (Matthew 26:28) Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Sin is the transgression of the law! (1st John 3:4)

Remove "the law" (1st John 3:4) and you remove what "sins" are "the transgression of", making them meaningless, which would make Yeshuaw's atonement on the cross an excruciating experience He endured for nothing! The "remission" that it was to provide for the "sins" of Yehovaw's children (Matthew 26:28) would be for nothing!

So to teach a "righteousness of God without the law" (Romans 3:21) is an extremely confusing and damaging doctrine in flagrant contradiction to Yehovaw's teachings through Yeshuaw (Matthew 5:17), as is arguing "that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Verse 28), when Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, concerning "eternal life" (Matthew 19:16):

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments! (Matthew 19:17)

Chapter 10 - Lord God of Sacrifice (continued)

Accepting the Atonement

Accepting by faith (Matthew 23:23) Yeshuaw's making of Himself "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29) "slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8) as Yehovaw required it of Him in His toraw or law (Leviticus 16:17; Numbers 15:28) for the atonement of His toraw (Leviticus 17:11) is not obtaining the righteousness that His atonement provides (Hebrews 11:4) "without the law"! (Romans 3:21) Yeshuaw said, of what He came to do:

Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the Prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! (Matthew 5:17)

Yeshuaw's sacrifice of Himself on the cross was the ultimate performance of the atonement of Yehovaw's toraw imaginable! Yehovaw said, through Moses:

The life of the flesh is in the blood! And I have given it, to you, upon the altar, to make an atonement for your souls! For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul! (Leviticus 17:11)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 11 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 11 - Lord God of Law

Purged by the Law

Yehovaw wrote, through His Author:

Almost all things are by the law purged with blood! And without shedding of blood is no remission! (Hebrews 9:22)

Yeshuaw's use of His own body and blood to fulfill the requirement of Yehovaw's law for the "shedding of blood" (Hebrews 9:22) "for many, for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28) was based upon that law, through which Yehovaw has ever insisted that the truth of His suffering and death in the sinning of His children be revealed to them before He would forgive them of their sins, lest they ever commit them again! So the apostle Paul was completely remiss to suppose that one's receiving by faith Yeshuaw's atonement on the cross could be possible "without the law"! (Romans 3:21)

Atonement of the Toraw

"Faith" is one of "the weightier matters of the law"! (Matthew 23:23) And again one's receiving by faith the atonement that Yeshuaw made by the provision of Yehovaw's toraw or law "for all the congregation of Israel" (Leviticus 16:17) is certainly not "without the law"! (Romans 3:21)

Having responded appropriately to the atonement of Yehovaw's toraw or law (Leviticus 17:11) that Yeshuaw fulfilled (Matthew 5:17) on the cross (Luke 23:34) and its revelation of truth (John 17:19) about Yehovaw's suffering and death for the sinning of His children (Isaiah 53:5), the child of Yehovaw confesses his or her sins! And the result of that good confession is that

He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

These are the events by which Yehovaw has marvelously arranged to fulfill relationships among persons on Earth and in Heaven, which fulfillment is His heart's desire!

Chapter 11 - Lord God of Law (continued)

Fruit of the Vine

Yeshuaw's drinking of "**this fruit of the vine**" (Matthew 26:29) will not take place until He and His body of believers (Ephesians 5:30), who by then will be His bride (Revelation 19:7 and 8), will return to Earth and celebrate "**the Marriage Supper of the Lamb**" (Verse 9), at Yehovaw's Feast of Tabernacles! (Zechariah 14:16 to 19)

That supper will be the fulfillment of the covenant that was entered into at the disciples' taking of the cup at Yehovaw's last Passover feast through Yeshuaw (Matthew 26:17 to 19), which cup Yeshuaw commanded be drunk by those who would avail themselves of Yehovaw's "**New Testament ... remission of sins**"! (Matthew 26:28)

In the Israeli marriage tradition, the woman being courted for betrothal has a cup of wine poured for her by the man desiring her partnership in marriage! Her taking that cup and drinking from it is her way of accepting the contract that has been presented to her Father for the negotiation of the marriage!

Words of Spirit and Life

In exact line with the Israeli marriage tradition, after speaking of His disciples' eating His flesh and drinking His blood (John 6:53), Yeshuaw told them:

It is the Spirit Who quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing! The Words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life! (John 6:63)

So the bottom line of the entire exercise is Yehovaw's disciple's receiving of His words through Yeshuaw as He shed His blood, by which

ye shall know the truth! And the truth shall make you free! (John 8:32)

Praying to Yehovaw the Father, Yeshuaw said:

I have given, unto them, the words that Thou gavest Me! (John 17:8)

Thy word is Truth! (John 17:17)

Yehovaw said, through His Psalmist:

Thy law is the truth (Psalm 119:142); and

All Thy commandments are truth. (Psalm 119:151)

Chapter 11 - Lord God of Law (continued)

Law in Their Hearts

Yehovaw's "New Covenant with the house of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:31) is a legal and binding agreement and the one chosen by Him to represent His relationship with the church during this "Age of Grace ", during which,

saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts!
(Jeremiah 31:33)

The celebration of this offer to His disciples was the fulfillment of fifteen centuries during which the children of Israel were required to celebrate Yehovaw's passing over them while killing every firstborn child or animal of Egypt! Every year, during the month of March, His children were required to

take you a lamb, according to your families, and kill the Passover! (Exodus 12:21)

While they were still under Egypt's heavy taskmasters, Yehovaw told the children of Israel:

Ye shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip *it* in the blood that is in the bason and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning! (Exodus 12:22)

The Lord Will Pass Over

For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the Destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.
(Exodus 12:23)

It is sin that causes the Destroyer to come against any person; Yehovaw said, through His apostle Paul:

The wages of sin is death! But the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 6:23)

That "gift" was rehearsed through the feast of "the Lord's Passover" (Leviticus 23:5) every "fourteenth day of the first month" (Verse 5) of Yehovaw's sacred calendar for the children of Israel! And it was only by virtue of Yeshuaw's being "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8), of which the slaying of the Passover lamb was a rehearsal (Exodus 12:5 and 6), that Yehovaw was able to "pass over" His children when He was not passing over the children of Egypt but killing them! (Exodus 12:23)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 11 - Lord God of Law (continued)

The Awesome Promise

That strange ritual in Egypt, which led to the children of Israel's being set free from their bondage under the Egyptian Pharaoh, was the foreshadowing of Yeshuaw's being sacrificed and His blood being shed outside of Jerusalem, which by Yehovaw's promise to Him would enable Him to bring their righteous children from "the heart of the Earth" (Matthew 12:40) to "Paradise"! (Luke 23:43) Yehovaw said, through His psalmist:

Thou hast ascended on high; Thou hast led captivity captive; Thou hast received gifts for men - yea, for the rebellious also - that the Lord God might dwell among them. (Psalm 68:18)

Yehovaw declared, through His Prophet:

We are all as an unclean thing! And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags! We all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away! (Isaiah 64:6)

Yehovaw said, through His apostle Paul:

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God! (Romans 3:23)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 12 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 12 - Lord God of Deliverance

Blood on the Doorposts

Israel's deliverance from the bondage of Egypt was accomplished by a special atonement for them, which was symbolized in the blood of the Lamb that they smeared on the doorposts of their houses the night that Yehovaw passed over them. The apostle Paul made Reference

to Him Who is of power to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began! (Romans 16:25)

In "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1), which Yehovaw gave to His faithful apostle John, we find one brief mention made of what that "mystery" was all about! It declares that Yeshuaw is

the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! (Revelation 13:8)

Ancient Salvation

Yehovaw spoke, through His Apostle Paul, of His salvation,

which w *thee* as given us in Christ Jesus before the world began! (2nd Timothy 1:9)

Yeshuaw's being "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8) is one of the most profound truths in Yehovaw's entire book, The Holy Bible! For it establishes how it is that Yehovaw was able to say, through His prophet, even during the history of His Old Covenant with the house of Israel:

Thus saith the Lord Who created thee, O Jacob, and He Who formed thee, O Israel, Fear not! For I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine! (Isaiah 43:1)

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions and, as a cloud, thy sins! Return, unto Me; for I have redeemed thee. (Isaiah 44:22)

Chapter 12 - Lord God of Deliverance

Redeeming Brother

The idea and legal basis of someone being “redeemed” is found in Yehovaw’s toraw or law! Yehovaw said through Moses:

⁴⁷If a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee and thy brother who dwelleth by him wax poor and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee or to the stock of the stranger's family, ⁴⁸after that he is sold, he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him. (Leviticus 25:47 and 48)

Although that commandment referred to a financial problem and physical slavery well understood by the children of Israel, Yehovaw helps us to see in it mankind's problem of bondage to sin! For He said, through Yeshuaw:

Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. (John 8:34)

Yehovaw said, through His faithful apostle:

Sin is the transgression of the law! (1st John 3:4)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Give! And it shall be given unto you. (Luke 6:38)

Life for Life

An expression for that truth is found in Yehovaw’s toraw or law! He said, through Moses:

²³Thou shalt give life for life, ²⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe! (Exodus 21:23 to 25)

Yeshuaw was asked:

Master, which is the Great Commandment in the law? (Matthew 22:36)

Not hesitating, Yehovaw answered, through Yeshuaw:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might! This is the First and Great Commandment; and the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself! On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets! (Matthew 22:37 to 40)

Chapter 12 - Lord God of Deliverance

Failure to Love

Since "sin is the transgression of the law" (1st John 3:4) and the law hangs upon loving Yehovaw and one's neighbor, sin must therefore be some form of failing to love either "the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 22:37) or "thy neighbor" (Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39) in some way covered by the many commandments that Yehovaw addresses to such relationships! For every commandment in His law relates to one or both of those supreme considerations! (Verse 40)

Not to love is to hate! And the person who hates either Yehovaw or his neighbor will do hateful things! And such behavior can only be understood in terms of the suffering and death that hatefulness brings to its receiver! So it is the pain of that sin that is returned to the sinner, as is the pleasure of having blessed his or her neighbor. (Luke 6:38)

If a person has given pain to his or her neighbor, his or her living in the expectancy of that pain's certain return is what Yehovaw meant when He said, through His apostle:

Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. (John 8:34)

The Pain of Sin

The servant must do what the master commands! And Yehovaw has commanded, through Moses, who spoke His law, that sinners experience the pain of the sin they have committed against Him and against their neighbor! (Exodus 21:23 to 25; 22:1, 4 and 6; Luke 6:38; Galatians 6:7) His precious redemption being already in place, Yehovaw then declared, through His psalmist:

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy! (Psalm 107:2)

How were the children of Israel able to say that they were "the redeemed of the Lord" (Psalm 107:2), when they were in Egypt, when the psalms or the prophets had not even been written? Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, to the Jews:

Your Father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: He saw it and was glad! (John 8:56)

Abraham's day preceded the bondage of the children of Israel in Egypt!

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 12 - Lord God of Deliverance

To Be Strangers

Yehovaw had told Abraham:

¹³Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years! ¹⁴And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge! And afterward shall they come out with great substance! (Genesis 15:13 and 14)

I do not know whether that prophecy was written down or merely handed from generation to generation by word of mouth! But Yehovaw had promised a redemption for Israel; and the children of Israel had been claiming it, in contrast to the children of Egypt, whose ears had been stopped to the Lord God of their creation and had been speaking instead the words of Satan!

It was the pain of their sin and Yehovaw's cursing upon their unbelief of Him that was visited upon the families of Egypt, when His judgment came down upon them, even as the children of Israel had sinned terribly, to bring them into their bondage in Egypt in the first place; Jacob or "Israel" said, of his rebellious sons:

Ye have troubled me, to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land!
(Genesis 34:30)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 13 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 13 - Lord God of Justice

Justice and Cursing

When the time of Yehovaw's deliverance for the children of Israel was at hand, they were passed over, while the oldest of each family of children in Egypt was slain! Having been subject, for four hundred years, to the slavery and death meted out by the Egyptians, the children of Israel had been well repaid for their sins, after which time those who had hated them and meted out the punishment of Yehovaw upon Israel discovered that it had become their turn for His justice and cursing.

Surely the children of Israel had continued to sin while in their captivity in Egypt. How then was it that they escaped?

What was the awesome difference?

To understand how Yehovaw justly relates with His children, one needs to know the kinds of judgment by which He rewards or punishes and blesses or curses with life or death! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Perfect Justice

Under Yehovaw's perfect justice, a sheep stolen must be replaced by two sheep (Exodus 22:4); or, if the thief has killed or sold it, he must give four sheep back to his victim. (Verse 1)

If through negligence one neighbor causes property damage to another, he must fully compensate the other! (Exodus 22:6)

If a neighbor resorts to physical violence against another resulting in injury to the other, an eye taken by the aggressor results in his losing his own eye; or other injuries are returned, to him, in like manner! (Exodus 21:23 to 25) Thus comes the saying, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!"

The pain and sorrow of losing property or the facility of one's body is surely returned upon the afflicter of the pain or sorrow!

Chapter 13 - Lord God of Justice (continued)

Spellbinding Westerns

I am a great fan of the Westerns Channel on television, these days; the combination of expansive and beautiful scenery, the use of horses, stirring music, heart warming romance and the constant battle of good against evil keeps me spellbound while getting my meals!

The one thing that comes through most of the dramas that unfold in these magnificent productions is the way screen writers pit not only the guns and superior marksmanship of the good guys against the bad guys but mysterious forces of nature or circumstance that come against them as well, to where the viewer comes away satisfied that justice has been served, one way or another!

Yehovaw is our writer of life's circumstances, Whose judgments “are true and righteous altogether”! (Psalm 19:9) His commandments reflect His perfect justice, His abhorrence for violence among His children and the stern measures He takes to discourage it, which is born of the furious jealousy and love He holds for those who seek His peace in accord with His matchless method of achieving it.

Justice in Nations

Yehovaw's justice is seen used or abused, in one form or another, throughout all nations of the world! And, whether or not criminals are apprehended and punished by the law of their land, their circumstances grind away on them in ways that defy the imagination as to the reason for some people's constant success in marked contrast to the consistent failures suffered by others! Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

I have been young, and now am old! Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread! (Psalm 37:25)

Yehovaw wrote, through His author:

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and for ever! (Hebrews 13:8)

The only difference between Yehovaw's Old Covenant and His “New Covenant with the house of Israel” (Jeremiah 31:31) is that in His New Covenant He would write His law “in their hearts” (Verse 33), so that He would “be their God; and they shall be My people!” (Verse 33) He said, through Yeshuaw:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! For verily I say, unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled! (Matthew 5:17 and 18)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 13 - Lord God of Justice (continued)

In His Commandments

So, Yehovaw's perfect justice is reflected through the commandments of His toraw or law concerning, theft, property damage or injury! And one finds it expressed again, by Him, through Yeshuaw:

Give! And it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom! For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again! (Luke 6:38)

To make sure that His children understood His perfect justice, Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked! For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap! (Galatians 6:7)

So perfect is Yehovaw's justice that it follows His children even into the spirit realm; Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven! But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 5:19)

Woe to the Hypocrites

Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayer! Therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation! (Matthew 23:14)

Yehovaw wrote, through Yeshuaw, through His Apostle John:

All the churches shall know that I am He Who searcheth the reins and hearts! And I will give, unto every one of you, according to your works! (Revelation 2:23)

The dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books according to their works! (Revelation 20:12)

How dare the apostle Paul argue "that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law"! (Romans 3:28)

All of the foregoing relates to Yehovaw's judgment of action, His rewards or punishments based upon specific things done by His children! (Luke 6:38)

Chapter 13 - Lord God of Justice (continued)

Judgment of Action

Yehovaw's Judgment of Action follows the child even into Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5) or Hell! (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29)

But Yehovaw also judges the hearts of His people, which is His Judgment of Intent, whereby He accepts or rejects them in relation to their place in His kingdom, first on Earth (Matthew 6:10; 12:28; 13:41 to 43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5) and then in Heaven! (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5)

It is then in Yehovaw's kingdom, whether on Earth or in Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5), that He bestows upon His children His eternal life and supernaturally blesses them, in stark contrast to their being in the world or in Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29), where they can know only His cursing and death! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 14 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 14 - Lord God of Life and Death

Astounding Scripture

There are two places in Yehovaw's law where He dwells most extensively upon His "life and death, blessing and cursing" (Deuteronomy 30:19) They are in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, wherein He said, through Moses:

¹It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the Earth! ²And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee. (Deuteronomy 28:1 and 2)

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes, which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee.
(Deuteronomy 28:15)

Keep or Observe

Throughout Yehovaw's Holy Bible, the words "keep" or "observe" mean to "guard" something or put a value on it, which relates specifically to how a person regards a thing, to what he or she intends to do about it; it is a matter of the heart! And that is what Yehovaw is looking at while visiting upon His children the most awesome judgments they will ever experience from Him.

While Yehovaw's Judgment of Action goes only so far as His child's actions have taken him or her in the treatment of a neighbor, His Judgment of Intent goes from supernatural blessing or cursing here and now on into His life or death throughout all eternity!

Although either of Yehovaw's two kinds of judgment are nothing with which to play, there is no comparison between the two!

Chapter 14 - Lord God of Life and Death (continued)

Pleasing One's Neighbor

Whereas one may sin without meaning to, he or she will have the pain of that sin returned to him or her, in due time, in like measure! But, where one has blessed a neighbor, which is to do everything one knows to please that neighbor, the joy of that blessing will also be returned but in an overwhelming measure far beyond anything that could possibly have been warranted by anything anyone may have done!

Where a person experiences Yehovaw's Judgment of Action, whether in His kingdom on Earth or in the world, whether in Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5) or in Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29), is determined by whether or not he or she has kept or put the highest possible value on the commandments of Yehovaw's toraw or law!

The person who intends to sin or is carelessly indifferent to what sin does (1st John 3:4) is showing an attitude Yehovaw calls "iniquity" or "wickedness", which He absolutely will not tolerate in Children wanting His favor or a place in His glorious, eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power!

Warning the Wicked

Yehovaw said, to His prophet:

If thou warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity! But thou hast delivered thy soul! (Ezekiel 3:19)

If thou warn the righteous, that the righteous sin not ... he shall surely live; because he is warned! Also thou hast delivered thy soul! (Ezekiel 3:21)

Salvation is that simple yet profound! To quote a familiar commandment Yehovaw frequently gave, through Yeshuaw, through His apostle John:

He who hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches!
(Revelation 2:7)

It had been Yehovaw's perfect justice that had kept the children of Israel in bondage under Egypt's taskmasters: for sin is ongoing! No one behaves perfectly in relation to the commandments of Yehovaw's toraw or law!

So, when Yehovaw deemed His judgment upon the wayward nation of Israel to have been sufficient, He reinstated, for them, the atonement by animal sacrifice (Numbers 15:27 and 28), which He would accept, from them, as the means by which to obtain His forgiveness!

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 14 - Lord God of Life and Death (continued)

Cain and Able

Yehovaw had given the same means to obtain His forgiveness to Cain and Abel outside the Garden of Eden! (Genesis 4:4) Yehovaw wrote, through His Author:

By faith Abel offered, unto God, a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous! (Hebrews 11:4)

Noah understood that sacrifice and built an altar for it, immediately after coming out of the ark that had saved him and his family from the Great Flood! (Genesis 8:20)

Abraham was born before Noah died and carried on Yehovaw's tradition of always having a righteous man on Earth to represent Him in His ongoing care for the children He had put on Earth! And Abraham built altars to Him.

But the animal sacrifice that Yehovaw instituted in His Feast of the Passover for the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt was a special sacrifice; it was the blood of a lamb that Yehovaw commanded the children of Israel to smear on the doorposts of their houses, in a mysterious yet unknown recognition of Yeshuaw's being

the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! (Revelation 13:8),

Who in time would be slain physically outside Jerusalem in the land of Israel!

Eating the Flesh

Then the children of Israel were to eat of that lamb's flesh, as a symbolic enactment of their receiving the words He would speak through Yeshuaw, fifteen centuries later:

Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath eternal life! And I will raise him up at the Last Day! (John 6:54)

Yehovaw's deliverance of the children of Israel from physical bondage would be an expression of the mercy by which He had long desired for them "a good land and a large ... a land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8), which five centuries before He had promised to Abraham for Abraham's children! (Genesis 15:18)

But that would only be a dress rehearsal of a much greater and far more awesome deliverance that Yehovaw had in mind for the children of Israel: for the entire purpose of His eventually sending Yeshuaw to Earth, to become one of them, was to prepare them for being brought upon dying from "the heart of the Earth" (Matthew 12:40) to "Paradise"! (Luke 23:43)

Chapter 14 - Lord God of Life and Death (continued)

The Awful Difference

The question might well be asked, "Why did Yehovaw not permit the people of Egypt to partake of His Passover?" They were still His Children!

The awful difference lay in whom the children of Israel were crying out to, in "the chastisement of their peace" (Isaiah 53:5) Yehovaw said, through His psalmist:

¹³They cried unto the Lord, in their trouble; and He saved them out of their distresses! ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and brake their bands in sunder! (Psalm 107:13 and 14)

¹⁵Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men! ¹⁶For He hath broken the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron in sunder! (Psalm 107:15 and 16)

¹⁹They cry unto the Lord, in their trouble; and He saveth them out of their distresses! ²⁰He sent His word, and healed them and delivered them from their destructions! (Psalm 107:19 and 20)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 15 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 15 - Lord God of Words

The Precious Word

Who was “the Word” Whom Yehovaw sent “and healed them and delivered them from their destructions”? (Psalm 107:20)?

Could it be other than Yeshuaw, Whom Yehovaw wrote through His apostle was “in the beginning ... with God and ... was God”? (John 1:1)

And what did “the Word” (John 1:1) say, to accomplish His healing? Yehovaw said, through Moses:

¹It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the Earth; ²and all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee. (Deuteronomy 28:1 and 2)

All the Words

Yehovaw conveyed, through Moses, a Word “which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 32:46), which He then characterized as “your life”! (Verse 47)

Within His Holy Bible, the words “keep” or “observe” mean to guard or put the highest possible value on something (Strong: Hebrew: 8104; Greek: 5083), which is what He continually asked His children to do with respect to the commandments of His toraw or law! In turn He would guard or supernaturally put “the highest possible value” on His children!

Having listened only to Satan, the Egyptians did not know of Yehovaw’s supernatural life and blessing for those who desire to obey Him; so they were not passed over, in the cursing that was upon them.

Chapter 15 - Lord God of Words (continued)

Life and Death

Yehovaw said, through Moses:

I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Yehovaw wrote, through His Prophet:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge! Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children! (Hosea 4:6)

The children of Israel suffered Yehovaw's Judgment of Actions upon them, for their ongoing sins against Him; but, since they knew of His redemption for them and at least wanted to do the right thing according to His commandments, He did not permit that chastening to destroy them but rather, be suffered in a better land, along with His rewards for any good things they might do!

The children of Israel continued to experience Yehovaw's chastening in their new land; but it was still their free, beautiful land, until their sin turned to rebellion, wickedness or iniquity; and then they lost their land and were returned to their bondage, under servants of Satan in Babylon, who always hate the children of the Most High God!

Wrestling Principalities

Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places! (Ephesians 6:12)

Yehovaw told His children, through Moses:

I will pass through the land of Egypt, this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast! And against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment! I am the Lord! (Exodus 12:12)

More accurately, Yehovaw executed judgment against those who had worshiped and served "all the gods of Egypt". (Exodus 12:12)

Chapter 15 - Lord God of Words (continued)

Seen the Affliction

At the time of His calling Moses into His service for the deliverance of the children of Israel, Yehovaw told him:

I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters! For I know their sorrows! (Exodus 3:7)

How is it that Yehovaw, the Holy, Almighty, Eternal and Self-Existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, knew the sorrows of His children?

At that time, no one knew "the mystery"! But we do now! We know that Yeshuaw is

the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! (Revelation 13:8)

That was Yehovaw the Word receiving from Yehovaw, through ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Spirit of Truth (John 16:13), from the foundation of the world and onward, the suffering and death of the sins of their children on Earth, which He promised Yehovaw to show to the world, at the beginning of the fifth millennium of their existence as a race!

Yeshuaw's Vital Promise

Before "the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8), Yeshuaw promised, to Yehovaw, that He would submit to the murderous hands of wicked men, knowing that the violence they would do to Him would reveal to His children Yehovaw's suffering and death in their sinning one against another!

Since Yeshuaw's terrible crucifixion would also be His using His own body and blood as a "sin offering" (Leviticus 16:5), He "made an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel"! (Verse 17) So the Ritual included His praying,

Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

Forgiveness is the object of every atonement under Yehovaw's toraw or law! And for those among the children of Israel who heard of that amazing atonement for them by the innocent Son of God, whose hearts were thus purged "from dead works to serve the Living God" (Hebrews 9:14) and who therefore repented of their sins (Matthew 4:17; 9:13) and then confessed them,

He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness! (1st John 1:9)

Chapter 15 - Lord God of Words (continued)

Knew Their Sorrows

Yehovaw told Moses, from the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:2), that He indeed knew the many sorrows of His children; the sorrows had come of His having chastened them for having sinned against Him; but now He was ready

to bring them up out of that land, unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey! (Exodus 3:8)

The weaknesses of the children of Israel against Satan's temptations would continue to get them into trouble! For Yehovaw's Judgments of Action had not been repealed (Exodus 21:23 to 25; Luke 6:38; Galatians 6:7), nor would they ever! (Revelation 2:23; 20:12) When He sent Yeshuaw into the world, He said through Yeshuaw:

Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled! (Matthew 5:17)

Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment! (Matthew 12:36)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 16 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 16 - Lord God of Mercy

With Him in Paradise

For those whose hearts were right toward Yehovaw, desiring to obey Him the best they could, He would have them at least bear the pain of their ongoing sins in dignity and freedom! Yeshuaw said, to the repentant thief being hung alongside Him:

Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise! (Luke 23:43)

Paradise was the next amazing land promised to a long chastened and repentant people, the children of Israel! But, where sinners are not repentant, such as with the Egyptian taskmasters, He carries, by His amazing longsuffering, the pain of their violence against His children, until He finally tires of it and then kills them, in which case they continue to experience His Judgments upon them in Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) and His Lake of Fire! (Revelation 20:15)

Wounded for Us

Yehovaw declared, through His Prophet:

He was wounded for our transgressions! He was bruised for our iniquities! The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed!
(Isaiah 53:5)

The children of Israel were “healed” by seeing Yeshuaw suffering His “stripes” for their sin yet asking Yehovaw the Father’s forgiveness even for those who had nailed His beloved Son to the cross! (Luke 23:34) That amazing willingness to forgive His sinful children - to accept them into His Paradise for them - would finally break their hearts and fulfill His words through His prophet:

I will give them one heart! And I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the stony heart out of them and will give them an heart of flesh! (Ezekiel 11:19)

Chapter 16 - Lord God of Mercy

Seeing the Father

Yeshuaw said:

He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father! And how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? (John 14:9)

When the world saw Yeshuaw hanging upon the Cross, they saw Yehovaw the Father hanging there; Yeshuaw's submitting to the hands of wicked men was a ritual every bit the same as the bringing of an animal for the sin offering had been in Jerusalem for centuries, which had demonstrated the suffering and death that Yehovaw had experienced every time an Israelite had sinned against a neighbor!

There are those who teach the ridiculous notion of "Christ's Substitutionary Atonement", insisting that on the cross and during His three days in Hell Yeshuaw suffered the punishment due to be returned upon all sinners who had ever sinned or who ever would sin, in which case Hell would be vacant today!

Vision of the Gospel

What Yeshuaw did on the cross was to "**bear witness unto the truth**" (John 18:37), to show for all time to come the suffering and death that Yehovaw had endured in His children's sinning (Isaiah 53:5), forgiving the repentant among them and being longsuffering toward the rebellious, so that they might one day hear the gospel and, by Yehovaw's vision for them through the work of ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit, see Yeshuaw's atonement for them and repent!

If through His Spirit Yehovaw the Father dwelled in Yeshuaw (John 14:10), as He does in each one of His children, what they did to Yeshuaw they did also to the Father! It was merely one More pain and death of their sin for Him to endure!

Because of His righteous innocence, wicked men's abuse and crucifixion of Yeshuaw was the Ultimate Sin of the Ages, to be sure! But it was still amazingly forgiven, for those who would repent of it and confess it (1st John 1:9); but the time of retribution would still come and their cries would be fulfilled:

His blood be on us and on our children! (Matthew 27:25)

Yeshuaw said, to His Disciples:

Now have they seen and hated both Me and My Father! (John 15:24)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 16 - Lord God of Mercy

Hearing Yeshuaw Pray

In the Meanwhile, the Roman soldiers who nailed Yeshuaw on the Cross, heard Him pray:

Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

And Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle, that, hearing that prayer by Yeshuaw in their behalf,

when the centurion and they who were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly, this was the Son of God! (Matthew 27:54)

Yehovaw wrote, through His Author:

The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom! And to depart from evil is understanding!
(Job 28:28)

Yehovaw wrote, through Solomon:

The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death!
(Proverbs 14:27)

Legions of Angels

When Peter tried to defend Yeshuaw with the sword, Yeshuaw told him:

Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father! And He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53)

But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? (Matthew 26:53 and 54)

But why must it be? Therein lies the real

²⁵the mystery that was kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith!
(Romans 16:25 and 26)

The purpose of Yehovaw's suffering through Yeshuaw as His "express image" (Hebrews 1:3) is revealed in an Important story He told through Yeshuaw about a servant who owed his King "**ten thousand talents**"! (Matthew 18:24)

Chapter 16 - Lord God of Mercy

Commanded to Be Sold

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his Lord commanded him to be sold and his wife and children and all that he had and payment to be made! (Matthew 18:25)

The servant therefore fell down and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me; and I will pay thee all! (Matthew 18:26)

Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion and loosed him and forgave him the debt. (Matthew 18:27)

The significant thing about this critical story is what happened in the king's forgiving of his servant: for he did so in spite of his having suffered the default of the servant in not paying the debt!

If they were of gold, the "ten thousands talents" (Matthew 18:24) owed to the king by the servant would have amounted to upwards of fifty-three millions of dollars in our money; and the king's forgiveness, indeed an exercise of the patience asked of him (Matthew 18:26), permitted the highly indebted servant to walk freely in his lord's kingdom, while the Servant did what he had now promised for the second time, saying, "I will pay thee all!" (Matthew 18:26)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 17 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 17 - Lord God of Liberty

Freedom in His Kingdom

Freedom in Yehovaw's iingdom while paying one's debts has been the result every time Yehovaw has forgiven a child of Israel! Whereas sin is a violation both of a neighbor and of the Lord God Whose Spirit is in the neighbor (John 17:22 and 23), which violence will assuredly be returned upon the sinner's head (Exodus 21:23 to 25; 22:1, 4 and 6; Luke 6:38; Galatians 6:7), the question is, Will Yehovaw permit him or her to pay that debt while walking freely in His kingdom, either on Earth (Matthew 6:10; 12:28; 13:41 to 43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5) or in Heaven (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5), or while sold into bondservitude (Matthew 18:25), which is a type of Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) and the Lake of Fire! (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:15)

Some years ago the modern apostle Richard Eby was entertained by Yehovaw through Yeshuaw, in his own personal paradise, while clinically dead for several hours!

Awesome Conversation

While Brother Eby was in Paradise, he heard Yehovaw's voice through Yeshuaw in conversation that was awesome in its scope, which he recorded in his book "Didn't You Read My Book?" (Companion Press)

But Yehovaw had a mission for Brother Eby, to tell His children that He is coming through Yeshuaw once again! So He sent Brother Eby's spirit body back to his physical body, which had been lying dead on a gurney in the hospital's morgue!

While lying there helpless, Brother Eby suddenly felt an excruciating llpain throughout his lifeless corpse, which seemed to come from every dying cell in his body! It was so terrible that he cried out! But no one could hear him, except Yehovaw!

Richard Eby's pain only lasted for a second or two and then subsided and left him, as quickly as it had come!

Chapter 17 - Lord God of Liberty (continued)

A Little of Their Pain

From His cloud of glory in a corner of the room, Yehovaw's resounding voice through Yeshuaw explained, that He would not have left Brother Eby long in the pain that he had just experienced, that He only wanted him to feel a little of the pain that They feel, from the sin and death among all their children, which They feel all the time!

In a few hours Yehovaw restored life to Brother Eby's physical body and healed it of its mortal wounds! But that dear apostle did not soon forget the terrifying pain that he shared with His Lord God for only that brief agonizing moment! And he faithfully wrote about it, so that you and I could appreciate it, merely from the telling of it. ("Didn't You Read My Book" - Companion Press; "52210000 An Apostle of the Recent Past"; "52220000 Today's Apostle and I")

Yehovaw's Children having offended Him in every way imaginable, He has by His law of mercy allowed them to walk in His glorious and eternal kingdom of life and blessing on Earth even while suffering His judgment upon them for those offenses, which is what the King and Lord of the indebted servant allowed him to do in Yehovaw's vital story! (Matthew 18:27)

Dying Like a Man

One more time, let me emphasize that, while Yeshuaw was dying on His cross, He prayed:

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

Yeshuaw was dying! The determination that Yehovaw always makes upon a child at the death of his or her physical body was upon Yeshuaw as a man! When He drew His last breath, He would go to one of two places, either into Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) or into the Hands of His Father! (Luke 23:46) So He knew what He had to do!

Yeshuaw had never sinned (John 8:29; Hebrews 4:15) any more than Yehovaw the Father had sinned in receiving and sustaining the suffering and death of all His sinning children! So Yeshuaw did not need to repent of any sin, which is one of **"the keys of the kingdom of Heaven"**! (Matthew 16:19) Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven is at hand! (Matthew 4:17)

Chapter 17 - Lord God of Liberty (continued)

Important Second Key

But there is another key, that is every bit as important! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: whatsoever thou shalt bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven! Whatsoever thou shalt loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven! (Matthew 16:19)

The indebted servant for whom his Lord "**was moved with compassion and loosed him and forgave him the debt**" (Matthew 18:27) was not aware of that second all important key; or aware of it, he failed to appreciate its importance!

The indebted servant had qualified with respect to the first key: for he repented! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, that

the servant therefore fell down and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me; and I will pay thee all! (Matthew 18:26)

In that context the word "patience" was important! For it would be the vital difference between the servant and his family being sold into bondservitude or permitted to continue living freely in their lord's kingdom!

The King's Patience

It was by the king's patience that he forgave the servant and allowed him and his family to continue dwelling freely in his kingdom! So "patience" is actually a more accurate term by which to describe what "forgiveness" is all about within Yehovaw's Holy Bible!

In worshiping his lord, the indebted servant acknowledged that he was highly indebted to his king; and in determining to do the right thing - to "**pay ... all**" (Matthew 18:26) - he repented, which means, literally, "to think differently"! (Strong: Greek: 3340)

In his ignorance of or indifference to the second key to receiving forgiveness and freedom while paying one's debt,

the same servant went out and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him an hundred pence! And he laid hands, on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest! (Matthew 18:28)

And his fellow servant fell down, at his Feet, and besought him, saying, have patience with me; and I will pay thee all! (Matthew 18:29)

Chapter 17 - Lord God of Liberty (continued)

A Fatal Mistake

He would not but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
(Matthew 18:30)

So, hearing of the indebted servant's failure to show merciful patience to his neighbor while enjoying the freedom of His king's merciful patience, his king and lord called his debt and gave him a dose of the same medicine! (Matthew 18:34) Yehovaw warned, through Yeshuaw:

So likewise shall My heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses! (Matthew 18:35)

Love your enemies! Bless them who curse you; do good to them who hate you; and pray for them who spitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father Who is in Heaven! (Matthew 5:44 and 45)

Although as Yehovaw the Word Yeshuaw had spoken all the universe into being (Genesis 1:3), He also had become a man! He called Himself "**the Son of Man**" (Matthew 9:6); so He was subject to Yehovaw's judgment of man, according to His toraw or law!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 18 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 18 - Lord God of Change

Commandment to Love

The Commandment to love, bless, do good to and pray for one's enemies is a commandment of Yehovaw, even though Yeshuaw spoke it (Matthew 5:44 and 45; Luke 6:27 and 28; John 12:49), which Yeshuaw could not ignore, as He hung dying on the cross! To do so would have been a sin! So He said:

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

In thus praying for His murderers, He not only transformed their evil into the good of making “**an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel**” (Leviticus 16:17) but He set that supreme example to be followed by all who would follow Him to Paradise! He said, to the repentant thief:

Today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise! (Luke 23:43)

Yeshuaw's taking upon Himself the suffering and death of the cross was merely a type of the suffering and death that He, His Father and His Father's Spirit had taken upon themselves since Day One of permitting their children to exercise their dominion “**over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth**” (Genesis 1:28), either in agreement with or contrary to Yehovaw's will for them, as He had expressed it through the commandments of His toraw or law!

Becoming His Enemy

If their children chose to exercise their dominion contrary to Yehovaw's will for them, by sinning and hurting a neighbor, they became His enemy! And the hurt that the enemy had given a neighbor Yehovaw would return to the enemy!

But, if Yehovaw's children would love the enemy (Matthew 5:44 and 45), even as Yehovaw had loved them in giving Yeshuaw to use His own body and blood to make “**an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel**” (Leviticus 16:17; John 3:16), there was hope that the enemy might repent or “think differently” about his or her enmity (Strong: Greek: 3340), confess it and be forgiven “**of all unrighteousness**”! (1st John 1:9)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 18 - Lord God of Change

New Righteousness

In that newly acquired righteousness, the place of paying his or her debt to Yehovaw could be the freedom of His glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power rather than the bondage and torment of the world (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28), Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) and the Lake of Fire! (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:15)

Actually what Yehovaw taught through Yeshuaw concerning their children's treatment of their enemies was not a new concept for the children of Israel; they simply had not got the message! For the language preceding His commandment that they love their neighbor gave that vital message! He said, through Moses:

Thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people! But thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself! I am the Lord! (Leviticus 19:18)

Who other than an enemy would a person want to “avenge”? (Leviticus 19:18)

Who other than an enemy is one against whom a person would want to “bear any grudge”? (Leviticus 19:18)

No More Vengeance

With the enemy having had his or her hurt returned to him or her according to Yehovaw's toraw or law, no further vengeance or bearing of any grudge was permitted! It would be the sin of hating the neighbor, rather than the righteousness of loving the neighbor; for one was to love his or her neighbor, “as thyself” (Leviticus 19:18), the neighbor having been the enemy implied by the preceding language!

So, when Yehovaw sent Yeshuaw to Earth, to bring their righteous dead children from “the heart of the Earth” (Matthew 12:40) to “Paradise” (Luke 23:43), He had Yeshuaw prepare them by giving them a clear understanding that they must love their enemies (Matthew 5:44 and 45), which is exactly what He did in using His own body and blood to make “an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel”! (Leviticus 16:17)

The enemy becomes the enemy by hurting a neighbor, exactly as wicked men hurt Yeshuaw! By asking Yehovaw the Father to forgive them (Luke 23:34), Yeshuaw turned the evil of that unthinkable violence to Yehovaw's perfect justice into the good of making an atonement according to Yehovaw's toraw or law! (Leviticus 16:17) That is what every single person does, who having been hurt by an enemy, asks Yehovaw the Father to forgive him or her!

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 18 - Lord God of Change

Having Done Good

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

The hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth - they who have done good, unto the Resurrection of Life and they who have done evil, unto the Resurrection of Damnation! (John 5:28 and 29)

The atonement of Yehovaw's toraw or law (Leviticus 17:11) is His ritual of mercy and salvation! And in causing Yeshuaw to turn unthinkable cruelty and death against Him into that merciful and saving ritual, He set a precedent to be followed by every child of Israel wanting to be His disciple! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple!
(Luke 14:27)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you!
(Matthew 6:14)

Leaving Us an Example

Yehovaw wrote, through His Apostle:

Even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps! (1st Peter 2:21)

The atonement that Yeshuaw made of His own body and blood (Leviticus 16:17; Romans 5:11), wherein He prayed that Yehovaw the Father forgive His enemies (Luke 23:34), will not be applied to anyone who does not follow that example and make of his or her own body and blood, whatever the damage to property or injury to self may have been the case, an atonement for the forgiveness of his or her enemy!

Yehovaw's commandment requires that one "**forgive men their trespasses**"! (Matthew 6:14) And "trespasses" are the breaking of any commandment of Yehovaw's toraw or law! (1st John 3:4) Strong: Greek: 3900) So the gamut of things to be forgiven is as broad as the spectrum of human affairs covered by Yehovaw's toraw!

It makes no difference how great or small the hurt, if it is forgiven, one has kept the flow of Yehovaw's salvation going, which facilitates the fulfillment of His hearts desire, which is that not "**one of these little ones should perish**"! (Matthew 18:14)

Chapter 18 - Lord God of Change

Marvelous Process

In Yehovaw's marvelous saving process, the one who Has forgiven has saved his or her own soul and qualified to be restored to his or her place in Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power!

What an awesome difference the knowledge of Yehovaw's salvation and His requirements for it would make were there more people in the world who knew it and understood it rightly! For the unthinkable violence of men against men that is making a literal bloodbath of areas in the Middle East and elsewhere, which we now call "terrorism" is primarily the failure to know and to understand the requirements of Yehovaw's salvation for the children of Israel!

Yeshuaw's example of making "an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel" (Leviticus 16:17) made Yehovaw's children responsible for how they conducted themselves toward anyone else in their community from that day forward, on pain of landing ultimately in Yehovaw's Lake of Fire! (Revelation 20:15)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 19 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 19 - Lord God of Love

Lamenting Their Captivity

Lamenting Israel's captivity in Babylon, one of Yehovaw's psalmists wrote:

O Daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed, happy shall he be, who rewardeth thee as thou hast served us! Happy shall he be, who taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones! (Psalm 137:8 and 9)

That is a terrible and hateful departure from the heart of the Lord God I worship and serve; and I cannot accept it as any part of His word! For anyone not loving his enemies among his neighbors, is not one of **“the children of your Father Who is in Heaven”!** (Matthew 5:45) And the psalmist who wrote that language was a long way from being such a child at least in that time of temptation under Satan!

The supreme expression of Yehovaw's astounding love for His children is to be patient with or forgive one's enemy, who is anyone who hurts or sins against an other!

Not Knowing

Yeshuaw prayed, of such people:

They know not what they do! (Luke 23:34)

Not being a child of Yehovaw, one does not find himself or herself in His glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power! And there are only two places in all His universe that are not in His kingdom, which are Hell (Deuteronomy 32:22; Psalm 88; Matthew 5:29) and His Lake of Fire! (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:15)

One must show Yehovaw's love for His children, the kind of love that receives and suffers patiently the pain and death imposed upon him or her by another, which is the understanding needed for one to appreciate what Yehovaw meant, when He spoke of one's taking up his or her cross!

Chapter 19 - Lord God of Love (continued)

Let Him Deny Himself

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me! (Matthew 16:24)

Without that willingness to take up one's cross in the making of an atonement for his or her neighbor, the essence of which is to forgive him or her for whatever trespass, one is not worthy to be a citizen of Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power! He wrote, through Yeshuaw, through His faithful apostle John:

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Are you ready now, possibly, to understand what Yehovaw meant when He said through Yeshuaw:

Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it: for what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:25 and 26)

Rewarding Every Man

For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels! And then He shall reward every man according to his Works! Verily, I say, unto you, There be some standing here who shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom! (Matthew 16:27 and 28)

When Yeshuaw appeared to Yehovaw's disciples after rising from the Dead, He was in "**His Kingdom**" (Matthew 16:28), which is His Father's kingdom, which contains "**the glory of His Father**" (Verse 27); and most of His Disciples had not tasted "**of death**"! (Verse 28)

Then, after "**being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**" (Acts 1:3), Yeshuaw "**led them out as far as to Bethany**" And He lifted up His hands and blessed them"! (Luke 24:50)

Chapter 19 - Lord God of Love (continued)

Yeshuaw the All Powerful

When Yeshuaw was about to ascend, to be again with Yehovaw the Father, He said an amazing thing, to His disciples:

All power is given, unto Me, in Heaven and on Earth! Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world! (Matthew 28:18 to 20)

How would Yeshuaw be with His disciples (Matthew 28:20), when He was in His Father's kingdom, unless His disciples would be there too, even as they worked to advance that kingdom on Earth? Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

I have manifested Thy name unto the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world! Thine they were! And Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word! (John 17:6)

I have given them Thy word! And the world hath hated them; because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (John 17:14)

Keep Them from Evil

I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil! (John 17:15)

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (John 17:16)

If Yehovaw's disciples were not of the world, then they were of His kingdom, even as Yeshuaw was of His kingdom; Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, to the Jews:

Ye are from beneath! I am from above! Ye are of this world; I am not of this world. (John 8:23)

Yeshuaw told Pilate, the Roman governor about to crucify Him:

My kingdom is not of this world! If My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews! But now is My kingdom not from hence. (John 18:36)

And that is true of Yehovaw's children today!

Chapter 19 - Lord God of Love (continued)

Judge of All

There was one other thing that was not known by the children of Israel, as they experienced the wonder of a Lord God Who was willing to forgive the sin of His enemies, to heal them and to deliver them "from their destructions" (Psalm 107:20): it was the truth preached by Yehovaw through His apostle Peter, when Yeshuaw had shown the children of Israel Yehovaw's suffering and death in their behalf:

We are witnesses of all things that He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, Whom they slew and hanged on a tree! (Acts 10:39)

⁴⁰Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly, ⁴¹not to all the people but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead! (Acts 10:40 and 41)

⁴²And He commanded us to preach unto the people and to testify that it is He Who was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead! ⁴³To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins! (Acts 10:42 and 43)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 20 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 20 - Lord God of Redemption

Covering the Nakedness

Yehovaw's precious redemption had been going on since the Garden of Eden, when He made coats of skins to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve in the sorrow of their sin against Him. (Genesis 3:21) To Cain, their first son, He said:

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? (Genesis 4:7)

One reason for Yeshuaw's being the Person of the Godhead ordained to become a man and to receive the pain of a terrible crucifixion as a man was so that He would be worthy in Yehovaw's sight to be mankind's Judge! He was

not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities! But was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin! (Hebrews 4:15)

Having overcome that temptation (Revelation 3:21), Yeshuaw was "*worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof*". (Revelation 5:9) Throughout Yehovaw's vision to His faithful apostle John, the seals that "the Lamb" opened (Revelation 6) were seals of judgment!

Saving to the Uttermost

Yehovaw wrote, through His Author, of Yeshuaw:

He is able also to save them to the uttermost who come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

Intercession is Prayer! Before He raised Lazarus from the dead, Yeshuaw prayed:

Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me; and I knew that Thou hearest Me always! (John 11:42)

In being "*the Judge of the quick and the dead*" (Acts 10:42), Yeshuaw is heard by Yehovaw the Father, when He declares what the sentence of each one of us should be, for good or evil!

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 20 - Lord God of Redemption (continued)

True Judgment

Yeshuaw said:

Ye judge after the flesh! I judge no man; yet, if I judge, My judgment is true! For I am not alone but I and the Father Who sent Me. (John 8:15 and 16)

Yeshuaw said, to Yehovaw's People, the Children of Israel:

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels! (Mark 8:38)

Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in His own glory and in His Father's and of the holy angels! (Luke 9:26)

The Apostle John heard the Twenty-Four Elders before Yehovaw's Throne saying:

The nations were angry; and Thy wrath is come and the time of the dead, that they should be judged and that Thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants, the prophets, and to the saints and them who fear Thy name, small and great, and shouldest destroy them who destroy the Earth! (Revelation 11:18)

Become an Israelite

An example of destroying the destroyers was when Yehovaw killed the firstborn among His children of Egypt while passing over the children of Israel! (Exodus 12:13 and 23) Anyone who does not like that arrangement would be seriously advised to become an Israelite, which the members of this Fellowship have!

Yeshuaw's personal involvement in Yehovaw's salvation and redemption for their children having been "made manifest to His saints" (Colossians 1:26), Yehovaw then wrote, through His apostle Paul:

¹⁶The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God
¹⁷and, if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together! (Romans 8:16 and 17)

In Yehovaw's vision through Yeshuaw to His faithful apostle John, a "Loud Voice" cried out, saying,

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12)

Chapter 20 - Lord God of Redemption (continued)

Joint-Heirs with Christ

The people who have qualified to receive Yehovaw's salvation and redemption through Yeshuaw are "Joint-Heirs with Christ" and thus in line to receive all that is His! How utterly awesome! Yehovaw said, to the children of Israel, that He is a God

showing mercy unto thousands of them who love Me and keep My commandments! (Exodus 20:6)

Fifteen centuries later Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends! Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (John 15:13 and 14)

Wanting many friends, Yehovaw told His disciples, through Yeshuaw, just before Yeshuaw ascended to be with Yehovaw:

Go ... and teach all nations ... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19 and 20)

Feast of the Passover

It was "the Feast of the Passover" of which Yehovaw reminded His disciples, through Yeshuaw (Matthew 26:2), as He prepared them for Yeshuaw's death and resurrection! It was "the First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread" when

the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto Him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the passover? (Matthew 26:17)

He said, Go, into the city, to such a man, and say, unto him, The Master saith My time is at hand! I will keep the Passover at thy house, with My disciples! (Matthew 26:18)

The disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover! (Matthew 26:19)

It was within the highly emphasized context of an holy feast of Yehovaw that He commanded His disciples, through Yeshuaw, to enter into His "New Covenant with the house of Israel" (Jeremiah 31:31) by eating the bread and drinking the wine Yeshuaw offered them at the Passover table!

Chapter 20 - Lord God of Redemption (continued)

My Body and Blood

Offering His disciples bread and wine, Yeshuaw said:

Take; eat! This is My body! (Matthew 26:26)

All of you drink of it: for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins! (Matthew 26:28)

It was during an Old Testament feast that Yehovaw instituted, through Yeshuaw, His “**New Covenant with the house of Israel**” (Jeremiah 31:31; Matthew 26:28) by the obedience of His disciples in eating the bread and drinking the wine from the Passover table!

That New Covenant ritual was the ongoing expression of Yehovaw's everlasting blood covenant and toraw or law with the seed of Abraham (Genesis 15 and 17), who are the children of Israel! Yehovaw wrote, through His author:

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and for ever! (Hebrews 13:8)

Yehovaw's toraw or law was to be the basis of His “**New Covenant with the house of Israel**” (Jeremiah 31:31), which Yehovaw said, through His Prophet, He would write “**in their hearts**”! (Verse 33)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 21 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 21 - Lord God of Amazement

Strange Words

To prepare His disciples for their entrance into His “**New Covenant with the house of Israel**” (Jeremiah 31:31), Yehovaw told them, through Yeshuaw:

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up, at the Last Day! (John 6:53 and 54)

Understandably, that remark disturbed Yehovaw's disciples; Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Many ... of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? (John 6:60)

When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said, unto them ... It is the Spirit Who quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing! The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life! (John 6:61 and 63)

Receiving His Words

We now see that Yehovaw's Words through Yeshuaw are what the disciples symbolically received into themselves, in taking the communion of the Passover Feast with Yeshuaw! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

This do in remembrance of Me! (Luke 22:19)

That brings us right back to Yehovaw! For of His Words, Yeshuaw prayed, to His Father:

I have given unto them the Words that Thou gavest Me! (John 17:8)

Thy Word is Truth! (John 17:17)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 21 - Lord God of Amazement (continued)

Thy Law the Truth

Going to Yehovaw's Words through His psalmist, we then read:

Thy law is the truth (Psalm 119:142); and

all Thy commandments are truth. (Psalm 119:151)

We are obliged to recognize that it was Yehovaw's Words through Yeshuaw as Yehovaw “the Word” (John 1:1) that spoke Yehovaw’s law and covenant to the children of Israel through Moses (Deuteronomy 32:46 and 47; 1st Corinthians 10:1 to 4) and gave the law of the New Testament or Covenant to His people through Yeshuaw Himself in person (Matthew 2:23), which words were sealed by His own blood rather than by “the blood of bulls and goats”! (Daniel 9:24; Hebrews 4:11 and 12; 9:12) Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, while teaching the woman at Jacob's well in Samaria:

The hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what! We know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews! (John 4:21 and 22)

In Spirit and Truth

But the hour cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth! For the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit! And they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth! (John 4:23 and 24)

That is an exceedingly rich passage, with great wisdom in it for understanding a person's relationship to Yehovaw! It is all based upon worship of Yehovaw the Father! So we are obliged to understand of what that worship really consists!

Worship of Yehovaw the Father is to be done “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24); so an appreciation of ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw’s Holy Spirit, is in order, without Whom any such worship cannot be done!

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, that ha Kodesh Ruakh is “the Spirit of Truth” (John 14:17, 26; 16:13 to 15), which means that He also is the Spirit of Yehovaw’s law and His commandments! For

Thy law is the truth (Psalm 119:142); and

all Thy commandments are truth. (Psalm 119:151)

Chapter 21 - Lord God of Amazement (continued)

Vain Worship

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men!
(Matthew 15:9)

Yeshuaw directly associated worship with the teaching of commandments - specifically, **“the commandments of men”** (Matthew 15:9) - which reduce to vanity or nothingness the efforts of any person to worship Yehovaw! And from that coin we may infer the other side - that Yehovaw’s commandments produce, in their keepers, a worship that is not **“in vain”** (Verse 9) or one that is **“in spirit and in truth”!** (John 4:24)

Are we not astonished to learn that a person's loving regard for Yehovaw’s commandments is the basis upon which Yeshuaw

will pray the Father! And He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16) ?

Requirement to Love

For Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw, He would do that **“if ye love Me”** and **“keep My commandments”!** (John 14:15)

He who hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is who loveth Me; and he who loveth Me shall be loved of My Father! And I will love him and will manifest Myself to him. (John 14:21)

Yehovaw said, through His apostle Paul:

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man, to profit withal. (1st Corinthians 12:7)

Those utterances by Yehovaw are accurate reflections of what He told Israel in His law:

My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him and hath followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Numbers 14:24)

Chapter 21 - Lord God of Amazement (continued)

Blessing for the Loving

I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply! And the Lord thy God shall bless thee, in the land whither thou goest to possess it. (Deuteronomy 30:16)

Was Yeshuaw telling His disciples that they must perfectly obey Yehovaw's commandments throughout their entire lives, before He could

pray the Father! And He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever (John 14:16) ?

Yehovaw clarified that vexing issue, by taking me to James Strong's "Exhaustive Concordance", in which I found that whether a person is reading from the Old Testament or the New, the words "keep" or "observe" are King James translations of the same word in the original language and that, whether it was Hebrew or Greek, the original word related specifically to the idea of guarding something.

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 22 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 22 - Lord God of Reason

To Hedge About

In the Old Testament the word translated “keep” or “observe” is “shaw-mar’ ” (Strong: Hebrew: 8104), which means “to hedge about as with thorns, i.e. guard”! In the New Testament the same words are translated from the Greek word “tay-reh’-o” (Strong: Greek: 5083), meaning “to guard by keeping the eye upon”.

Do you "guard" your old worn-out clothing or used milk cartons?

I rather suspect you guard your family, your home, your car and your gold, silver and precious jewels and that you do so because you put a value on those important lives or items.

Yehovaw commanded His children to love Him “with all thine heart, with all thy soul and with all thy might”! (Deuteronomy 6:5) So, in Asking His children to “keep” or “observe” the commandments of His toraw or law, He really was asking them to put the highest possible value on them.

Critical Moment

Putting the highest possible value on the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law is something one can do in a moment of time! It is not necessary to go a lifetime wondering how his or her “score” is coming along, under the concept of good deeds being weighed against bad deeds.

That burdensome teaching, which began in Babylon, was exploited by the priests of the Roman Catholic Church, who sold “indulgences” for a price, whereby extra good deeds done by saints well over the top in the presumed “contest” for entrance into Heaven would be transferred, at the request of the priest, to the person feeling shaky about his or her entrance.

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 22 - Lord God of Reason (continued)

Worthy Father

Is there any person more worthy of our commitment to obey than Yehovaw the Father, Who, to make His children “**friends**” (John 15:15) with dominions “**over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth**” (Genesis 1:28), permitted them to sin and hurt others, thereby forfeiting their place in His kingdom, which He calls “death”, thus bringing upon Him that suffering and death?

Is there any person more worthy of our commitment to obey than Yeshuaw, Whom Yehovaw the Father sent to reveal Yehovaw’s suffering and death in the sinning of His children by making of His own body and blood “**an atonement ... for all the congregation of Israel**”? (Leviticus 16:17)

Is there any person more worthy of our commitment to obey than ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw’s Holy Spirit, Whom He has given to us, to show us their suffering and death for the purpose of forgiving us, to bring us into the light and beauty of their glorious and eternal kingdom of life and blessing on Earth (Matthew 6:10; 12:28; 13:43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5) and in Heaven? (Matthew 4:17; 5:19; Revelation 21:2 to 5)

Love is Obedience

Within the context of Yehovaw’s Holy Bible, “love” always translates into obedience toward the will or the commandments of the person being loved! (Deuteronomy 30:16; John 14:15 to 17 and 21) And we associate “**worship**” (Matthew 15:9) with efforts to demonstrate love toward the Person or God being worshiped!

So a person's determination to obey the commandments of Yehovaw’s law is, actually, the highest form of worship toward Him, which can be done daily and even moment-by-moment, which indeed is worshipping Him “**in spirit and in truth**”! (John 4:24)

Amazingly, Yehovaw consistently attracts my attention to the clock each hour on the hour, at which time I thank Him for His gift of the new hour and ask Him to bless it to my use, that I may establish His covenant (Deuteronomy 8:18), advance His kingdom on Earth “**as it is in Heaven**” (Matthew 6:10) and “**to seek and to save**” (Luke 19:10) “**the lost sheep of the house of Israel**”! (Matthew 15:24) And I believe He honors both my hourly worship of Him and the substance of my righteous prayer! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved! (John 3:17)

Chapter 22 - Lord God of Reason (continued)

He Who Believeth

He who believeth on Him is not condemned: but He who believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God! (John 3:18)

This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world; and men loved darkness rather than light; because their deeds were evil! For every one who doeth evil hateth the light, lest his deeds should be reproved! (John 3:19 and 20)

But he who doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God! (John 3:21)

From this passage one can see, clearly, that believing in Yeshuaw is meaningless, unless through faith that belief translates into one's works of righteousness!

So how are a person's deeds "wrought in God"? (John 3:21)

The person whose deeds are so "wrought" or done is not condemned, Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw (John 3:21), which means that he must be the person who believed in Him so that he

should not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16)

Wrought in God

One would think that a deed "wrought in God" (John 3:21) would be a deed commanded by Him; and how can that be determined, except by considering the commandments of His toraw or law; and – surely enough! – we find His definition of righteousness to clarify that question emphatically! He said, through Moses:

It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He hath commanded us. (Deuteronomy 6:25)

That is the only definition Yehovaw gives for righteousness throughout His entire Holy Bible; and He said, through Yeshuaw:

Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of Heaven! (Matthew 5:20)

So, although we have discussed various "keys of the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 16:19), Yehovaw's designation of righteousness is His choice for sealing the matter.

Chapter 22 - Lord God of Reason (continued)

Observe and Do

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

²The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat; ³all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do! But do not ye after their works! For they say and do not! (Matthew 23:2 and 3)

So, right there in the New Testament, we find Yehovaw commanding through Yeshuaw that His disciples “**observe and do**” (Matthew 23:3) all that Moses taught from his “**seat**” (Matthew 23:2), which are the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law, by the observing of which one obtains his or her “**righteousness**”! (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Yehovaw said, to His prophet:

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die! (Ezekiel 3:20)

Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not ... he shall surely live! (Ezekiel 3:21)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 23 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 23 - Lord God of Simplicity

The Same Simple Salvation

We are not surprised, when in the New Testament Yehovaw said through Yeshuaw virtually the same thing as He had said to His prophet (Ezekiel 3:20 and 21) about His method of saving a child! Asked,

What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (Matthew 19:16)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments! (Matthew 19:17)

The person whose deeds are “wrought in God” (John 3:21) must be the One whom ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit, has guided “into all truth”! (John 16:13) Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

Thy law is the truth (Psalm 119:142); and

all Thy commandments are truth. (Psalm 119:151)

Guided into the Commandments

So to be guided “into all truth” (John 16:13) is to be guided into all the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law! Is it not surprising, then, that we find Yehovaw saying to Moses:

Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee and believe thee for ever! (Exodus 19:9)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me! For he wrote of Me. But, if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words? (John 5:46 and 47)

Chapter 23 - Lord God of Simplicity (continued)

My Words in His Mouth

Yehovaw said, to Moses:

¹⁸I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak, unto them, all that I shall command Him. ¹⁹And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words, which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him. (Deuteronomy 18:18 and 19)

Yeshuaw said:

⁴⁹I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father Who sent Me, He gave Me a Commandment, what I should say and what I should speak! ⁵⁰And I know that His Commandment is Life Everlasting! Whatsoever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak! (John 12:49 and 50)

Yehovaw said, through Moses:

⁴⁶Set your hearts unto all the words that I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law, ⁴⁷For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life! (Deuteronomy 32:46 and 47)

Magnify the Law

Yehovaw wrote, through His Prophet:

The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the law and make it honorable! (Isaiah 42:21)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy but to fulfill! For verily I say, unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law, till all be fulfilled! (Matthew 5:17 and 18)

Whosoever... shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven! But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 5:19)

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments! (Matthew 19:17)

Chapter 23 - Lord God of Simplicity (continued)

The Law through Moses

He saith, unto Jesus, which? (Matthew 19:18)

He said, Thou shalt do no murder! Thou shalt not commit adultery! Thou shalt not steal! Thou shalt not bear false witness! Honor thy father and thy mother! And, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself! (Matthew 19:19)

Go ... and teach all nations ... to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19 and 20)

Yehovaw told a story, through Yeshuaw: “I have five brethren”, a man said, from Hell (Luke 16:28):

Let Lazarus testify, unto them, lest they, also, come into this place of torment! (Luke 16:28)

Abraham saith, unto him, They have Moses and the prophets! Let them hear them! (Luke 16:29)

And he said, Nay, Father Abraham: but, if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. (Luke 16:28)

No Persuasion from the Dead

And he said, unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead! (Luke 16:30 and 31)

The fascinating thing is that Yeshuaw rose from the dead and brought Yehovaw’s truth to the children of Israel; and the above truth bore out fully! Those who did not hear Moses and the prophets did not hear Yeshuaw, even though He rose from the dead!

For without one’s keeping the commandments of Yehovaw’s toraw or law as He gave them through Moses, one cannot receive ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw’s “**Spirit of Truth**”! (John 14:15 to 17) And a child so deprived cannot possibly receive Yehovaw’s truth! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me! For he wrote of Me! But, if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words? (John 5:46 and 47)

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life! (John 6:63)

Chapter 23 - Lord God of Simplicity (continued)

My Father and Your Father

One of the most touching incidents between Yeshuaw and one of His devoted children is the time when He stopped His first ascent to Heaven to comfort Mary Magdalene! (John 20:11 to 17) With all its beauty, the story is not relevant to this particular study, except for our loving Lord's final statement to Mary:

Touch Me not! For I am not yet ascended to My Father! But go, to My brethren, and say, unto them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, to My God and your God. (John 20:17)

Although Yeshuaw is Yehovaw “**the Word**” (John 1:1) and the Person of the Godhead to have spoken all things - yes, the entire universe - into being, He was there on Earth, announcing, to His disciples, through Mary Magdalene, that one of their own “**brethren**” (Verse 17) had now overcome death through resurrection and had entered into Yehovaw’s heavenly kingdom, Who was

My Father and your Father ... My God and your God. (John 20:17)

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd
presents Chapter 24 of his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 24 - Lord God of Fatherhood

Looking to the Father

As much as we revere Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh (the Messiah - Strong: Hebrew: 4899) and ha Kodesh Ruakh, Yehovaw's Holy Spirit, Yehovaw the Father would have His children understand that He is the Person of the Godhead to Whom they should ultimately look for their salvation and redemption! It is true that He said, through Yeshuaw:

He who honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father Who hath sent Him. (John 5:23)

A thousand years before Yeshuaw walked the Earth, Yehovaw wrote, through His psalmist:

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little! Blessed are all they who put their trust in Him! (Psalm 2:12)

Worthy of All Honor

Yeshuaw is Worthy of all the honor that we can give Him; but Yehovaw also said, through Yeshuaw:

After this manner ... pray ye: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name! Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven!
(Matthew 6:9 and 10)

Ye have not chosen Me! But I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. (John 15:16)

In that day, ye shall ask Me nothing! Verily, verily, I say, unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing, in My name: Ask! And ye shall receive, that your joy may be full! (John 16:23 24)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 24 - Lord God of Fatherhood (continued)

Showing Us the Father

These things have I spoken, unto you, in proverbs! But the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs; but I shall show you plainly of the Father! At that day, ye shall ask in My name! And I say not, unto you, that I will pray the Father for you. (John 16:25 and 26)

For the Father Himself loveth you; because ye have loved Me and have believed that I came out from God! I came forth from the Father and am come into the world! Again, I leave the world and go to the Father! (John 16:27 and 28)

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. (John 15:10)

To Him who overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father in His throne. (Revelation 3:21)

I give, unto them, eternal life! And they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand! My Father, Who gave them to Me, is greater than all! (John 10:29)

Sitting on the Throne

Can you imagine yourself sitting on the throne of the Person of Yehovaw Who is “**greater than all**” (John 10:29) while you are sick and poor?

Can you imagine being chosen to sit on that throne at all while suffering a disease and deprived of all the necessities of life?

What is the point of sitting on the throne of Yehovaw, the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, if He does not desire that we share in the everlasting glories of His kingdom?

Are you ready to understand now why the apostle John heard “**ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands**” of Yehovaw's Angels “**round about the throne ... saying with a loud voice**” (Revelation 5:11):

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing (Revelation 5:12),

and that, if we will enter into the same suffering and death, by loving, blessing, doing good to, praying for our enemies (Matthew 5:44 and 45; Luke 6:27) and forgiving them (Matthew 6:14), as Yeshuaw did from the cross (Luke 23:34), we will be worthy of the same awesome gifts as “**joint-heirs with Christ**”? (Romans 8:17)

God, Up Close and Personal

Chapter 24 - Lord God of Fatherhood (continued)

The Will of My Father

Yehovaw has made it abundantly clear, through Yeshuaw, that doing His will is the key to any child of His entering His kingdom! He said, through Yeshuaw:

Not every one who saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven but he who doeth the will of My Father Who is in Heaven! (Matthew 7:21)

Whosoever shall do the will of My Father Who is in Heaven, the same is My brother, sister and mother! (Matthew 12:50)

It is not the will of your Father Who is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish! (Matthew 18:14)

These “**little ones**” start out being “**these little ones who believe in Me**”! (Matthew 18:6) But the temptations of Satan make enemies of them; so it is Yehovaw the Father’s will that you and I love them, bless them, do good to them, pray for them (Matthew 5:44 and 45; Luke 6:27 and 28) and, above all, forgive them (Matthew 6:14), that they may be brought back into the kingdom that they left while growing up from being “**these little ones who believe in Me**”! (Matthew 18:6)

Joy in Heaven

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

I say, unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner who repenteth! (Luke 15:7)

That is Yehovaw the Father’s will! And anyone not doing that will is asking for a place outside of His kingdom looking in! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

Then will I profess, unto them, I never knew you: Depart, from Me, ye who work iniquity! (Matthew 7:23)

A person’s “will” is, virtually, that person’s “self”! It is all that he or she likes or does not like; it is the life of his or her consciousness, without which he or she would have no sense of being! And, by all the considerations upon which I have dwelled above, it appears that Yehovaw's will is a vital consideration for anyone who would walk safely in perfect health with the abundance of all things both needful and desirable!

Chapter 24 - Lord God of Fatherhood (continued)

Awareness of His Will

Awareness of Yehovaw's will, as He has expressed it in the commandments of His law and covenant, is one's "conscience"! He wrote, through His author, concerning the atonement Yeshuaw made of His own body and blood "for all the congregation of Israel" (Leviticus 16:17):

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:14)

Yehovaw wrote, through His Psalmist:

⁶O ye seed of Abraham, His servant, ye children of Jacob His chosen ⁷He is the Lord our God! His judgments are in all the Earth! ⁸He hath remembered His covenant for ever, the word that He commanded to a thousand generations, ⁹which covenant He made with Abraham and His oath unto Isaac ¹⁰and confirmed the same, unto Jacob, for a law, and to Israel, for an everlasting covenant! (Psalm 105:6 to 10)

Amen! Alleluia!

Welcome to the page on which Pastor Floyd invites the Reader to respond to his book on

God, Up Close and Personal

Invitation

If you have enjoyed reading “God, Up Close and Personal” - or even if you did not - I welcome your comments or questions at:

PastorFloyd@PowerfulAchievement.com

If the reading of “God, Up Close and Personal” has whetted your appetite for more of my writings, there are more to be found on:

www.HonorHisLaw.com

I sincerely pray that you have enjoyed your reading of this book and that it will bless you mightily, as it surely will anyone who takes the things of Yehovaw to heart!

Farewell for now!

In Yehovaw’s magnificent love,

Your Friend,

Pastor Floyd

Thirty-four-year student of Yehovaw’s Holy Bible
Author of twenty-five books about the Bible

Please note:

This is a faith-based ministry, relying solely upon the support of people who have been helped by its teachings! If what you have read in this ebook has been helpful to you and you would like to support this ministry with a credit card, please go to the above website, to the first page of its Vault, where you can click on a link that will help you.

If you would like to support us by writing a check or money order, please address it to “HonorHisLaw.com” and send it to

18637 Brookhurst St 557
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

I pray Yehovaw’s richest blessing upon you for that support!