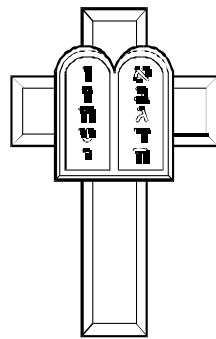


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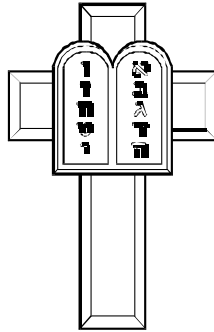
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His Way

Yehovaw has His way of doing things; and under Satan the world has its! We need to know the difference between those two systems: for our very lives depend on it, now, in this life, and for ever! The world's way destroys, while Yehovaw's way brings eternal life, now and forevermore!

Yehovaw's word, law, covenant and commandments are very comprehensive! They cover all aspects of our life on Earth and give us a fair idea of what is in store for us in Heaven or in Hell and the Lake of Fire!

Commerce is a part of our life on Earth, a part so basic to our physical life on Earth that it is like breathing! When one inhales, he or she draws in oxygen, which we must have, which is then exchanged for carbon dioxide, which we must get rid of.

Buying and Selling

We must have food! And we must get rid of sewerage! We must buy goods or services; and buying and selling is what commerce is all about!

Anything so important as commerce must be done right, if one expects it to work out right! And only Yehovaw has told His children of what that right consists! So, as part of my responsibility as a servant, pastor, priest or teacher for Yehovaw, I must deal with this topic, as practical or mundane as it may seem, along with the seemingly more "spiritual" topics: for, as practical or common as commerce may seem, Yehovaw's spiritual oversight is always there, dealing with His children according to how they are buying or selling, giving or taking, the right way or the wrong!

So, follow along with me, as I work to present this truth to you, my beloved visitor!

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Chapter 1 - Understanding Commerce

Buying and Selling

My dictionary tells me that "commerce" is "the buying and selling of goods"!

In Yehovaw's revelation through Yehoshua to the apostle John and through him to the church, He speaks of a "beast" (Revelation 13:1), which I believe is His symbol for Europe, and "another beast" (Verse 11), which I believe is His characterization of the United States, and "an image to the Beast" (Verse 14), which I believe is His representation of the United Nations! Yehovaw said, of the "Image of the Beast" (Verse 15), through Yehoshua and through His apostle John:

¹⁶He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads, ¹⁷that no man might buy or sell, save he who had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name! (Revelation 13:16 and 17)

Marks, Names and Numbers

It is obvious that Yehovaw was anticipating, by that language, the day when Satan will have achieved through his wicked servants a world tyranny, which would control "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" through marks, names and numbers! I do not believe we are quite there yet; but I see, in the name "citizen of the United States" and the federal government's "social security number" a close proximity to this control, particularly in the knowledge that such citizenship and numbering has now been tied in to world organizations related to the United Nations, preparatory to that certain day when "no man might buy or sell, save he who had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name"! (Revelation 13:17)

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Targeting Weakness

I point this out; because an enemy always goes after one's most vulnerable weakness - what he or she cannot live without! And, where people have allowed themselves to be taken off the land, to live in cities, where they cannot raise their own food or pump their own water from their own well, buying and selling has become a life and death matter! One must buy and sell food and water and every other thing imaginable, to negotiate the demands of living on the physical Earth!

Satan knows the importance of "commerce", which is this "buying and selling" thing; so, with the permission Yehovaw has granted him for the wickedness and rebellion of Yehovaw's children (Job 1:12; 2:6), Satan has been quietly and relentlessly working his evil servants into positions of terrible control over the commerce of people the world over, developing intrusive and pervasive methods by which to accomplish that control, one of which relates to the identifying of people - specifically, those who are submitting to him and those who are rebelling against him; and that is where his marking, naming and numbering of citizens comes in.

Yehovaw's Marking

At the same time, Yehovaw, too, has His marking and naming procedure; I know of no numbering to which He subjects His children; He said, in a vision, in the presence of His prophet, "to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side" (Ezekiel 9:3):

Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry, for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. (Ezekiel 9:4)

⁵To the others He said, in mine hearing, Go ye after him, through the city, and smite! Let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity! ⁶Slay, utterly, old and young, maids, little children and women! But come not near any man upon whom is the mark! (Ezekiel 9:5 and 6)

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Chapter 1 - Understanding Commerce (continued)

Mark for the Righteous

Parallel to Satan's "mark of the Beast" (Revelation 16:2), in Yehovaw's Book of the Revelation, He has described His mark for the righteous children of Israel! In that vision His apostle John

saw four angels standing on the four corners of the Earth, holding the four winds of the Earth, that the wind should not blow on the Earth nor on the sea nor on any tree! (Revelation 7:1)

²And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the seal of the living God! And he cried, with a loud voice, to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the Earth and the sea, ³saying, Hurt not the Earth neither the sea nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads! (Revelation 7:2 and 3)

And I heard the number of them who were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel! (Revelation 7:4)

Producers and the Others

A wise observer once said, "There are two kinds of people in the world: There are those who produce! And there are those who live off of those who produce."

Under Yehovaw's sovereign hand the farmers, miners, manufacturers and servants of all kinds throughout Israel are the producers of her sustenance! Then there are those whom Yehovaw knows and the producers believe they must have to produce – specifically, leaders and soldiers! And, interestingly, the leader cannot exist without the soldier and vice versa! I believe that is called a "symbiotic relationship"; they are virtually two faces of one and the same being!

The leader/soldier combine we have come to know as "government"! And, interestingly, the producers and their government are also dependent one upon the other; the one cannot exist without the other!

In America, government personnel, flocks of them in all levels of its functioning, are put in place by the providers, to tell them how and when to provide and to protect their provisions from the enemy! And these supervisors and protectors of production are provided for by taxing the producers!

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The Law of Giving

Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

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)

One may well ask, why are we talking about “giving” in commercial exchange?

Have you ever seen a salesman strong-arm a customer and take the money needed for a purchase?

The words “**Give! And it shall be given unto you**” (Luke 6:38) were spoken by Yehovaw, the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, through Yehoshua ha Mawshiyakh, Who is Yehovaw “**the Word**” (John 1:1 to 3 and 14), Who spoke the universe into existence (Genesis 1:3) and Who “**was made flesh and dwelt among us**”. (John 1:14)

And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth! (John 1:14)

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Chapter 2 - His Determination

Shall He Not Do It?

Yehovaw said, through the false prophet Balaam:

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent! Hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good? (Numbers 23:19)

When a person "gives" a good thing, he or she provides! He or she cannot give what he or she does not have! And that "having" is the result of Yehovaw's having given His children their land! Yehovaw said, through Moses:

I am the Lord your God, Who brought you forth, out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God! (Leviticus 25:38)

Yehovaw's UFO's

According to Yehovaw's Holy Bible, there are "aliens" and "unidentified flying objects", who and which happen to be His angels or "heavenly hosts" (Luke 2:13) and their "chariots of fire"! (2nd Kings 6:17) And those beings must abide by the same law of Yehovaw that prevails upon Earth, with the exception of those parts of it that can only be done on Earth, such as sacrifice an animal! There is no blood in Heaven, except that of Yehoshua! (Hebrews 9:12)

Yehovaw threw His angel Lucifer out of Heaven, when "iniquity was found" in him (Ezekiel 28:15); so that fact implies a standard in Heaven, some kind of law and commandment, by which Lucifer sinned! (Ezekiel 28:16) Yehovaw gave him the name "Satan", which means "opponent"! (Strong: Hebrew: 7854)

Chapter 2 - His Determination (continued)

War in Heaven

Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle John, that later, in the heavens above Earth

⁷There was war in Heaven! Michael and his angels fought against the Dragon; and the Dragon fought and his angels ⁸and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven; ⁹and the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out, into the Earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12:7 to 9)

Yehoshua told His disciples:

I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven! (Luke 10:18)

In speaking of the children of Israel giving (Luke 6:38), Yehoshua graciously spoke Yehovaw's truth and the everlasting basis for all righteous commerce throughout the universe!

Universal Matters

We are speaking of universal matters herein, which will be relevant for ever! Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

Heaven and Earth shall pass away! But My words shall not pass away.
(Matthew 24:35)

One's giving is an appropriate response to another's giving; and, within our present day standard and practice of commerce, the return gift is expected to pay the initial giver a profit for his or her trouble, so that there can be an increase in the transaction! Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

With the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again! (Luke 6:38)

Yehovaw illustrated what he meant by this appropriate exchange, by giving through Moses the following commandments:

¹⁴Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren or of the strangers who are in thy land within thy gates! ¹⁵At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry, against thee, unto the Lord, and it be sin, unto thee.
(Deuteronomy 24:14 and 15)

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Labor for Hire

The hired servant gives his labor, setting his heart upon “his hire”! (Deuteronomy 24:15) Any delay in paying that hire is “sin” (Verse 15) , in Yehovaw's sight, which without repentance immediately bars the one hiring from Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power, first on Earth (Matthew 13:43; Luke 17:21; John 3:5), then in Heaven! (Matthew 4:17; 5:19) Yehovaw reflected that same truth, through Yehoshua, by saying:

In the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give! For the laborer is worthy of his hire! (Luke 10:7)

In that context, Yehovaw is talking, through Yehoshua, of the labor of His disciples, whom He had sent forth as “laborers into His harvest!” (Luke 10:2) They were to

heal the sick who are therein and say, unto them, the kingdom of God is come nigh, unto you. (Luke 10:9)

And for that inestimably precious service they were to be supported!

The Measure Returned

The “measure” (Matthew 7:2) that is returned, according to “**what measure ye mete**” (Verse 2) is the container that is used for the “measure”! It is not two measures to be expected in return! It may be “**good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over**” (Luke 6:38); but it is, still, the “**same measure**”! (Verse 38)

The price put upon a product or a service is usually regarded as the seller’s “asking price”; but that is rather misleading, in that, under the necessities and pressures of our present commerce, the seller is, usually, demanding his or her price for whatever he or she is selling and understandably so, considering that he or she can ill afford to part with his or her goods or time without receiving adequate compensation for them.

The price must be what will please the giver; it must be that with which he or she is content, knowing what his or her needs are in relation to maintaining his or her enterprise as compared to what others’ needs are and what they are asking for the same goods or services!

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Chapter 2 - His Determination (continued)

Asking Price

If the receiver is a brother or sister in Israel, walking in obedience to Yehovaw's Second Great Commandment, that One love his or her neighbor (Matthew 22:39), the receiver would want to accommodate the giver according to his or her "asking price"!

Those who find delight in haggling over prices are servants of Satan, who have no comprehension of loving their neighbor nor of the supernatural blessing of Yehovaw upon the child of His who does love his or her neighbor.

If the purchase is made on credit, the transaction has entered into the requirements of a contract! And Yehovaw's commandment concerning the vow takes effect. Yehovaw said, through Moses:

If a man vow a vow unto the Lord or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth! (Numbers 30:2)

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Chapter 3 - His Promises

The Purchaser Promises

The purchaser promises to pay for the goods or services he or she is given; and, if after enjoying possession of the good or benefit of the service he or she fails to pay as promised, a court of law can order that payment; and then the strong arm of the law sees to it that the payment is made, not to mention Yehovaw's displeasure in the matter, which finds expression in His punishment and cursing of the violator of the neighbor!

The product that is taken without the knowledge and consent of the giver or a service received without an appropriate response - the return gift in the appropriate amount, where that was asked and expected - immediately involves the taker with Yehovaw's commandment for the thief! He or she shall have taken from him or her two to four times the value of the theft, according to what the thief has done with his or her neighbor's property! (Exodus 22:1; 22:9)

The Thief Shall Restore

Yehovaw's commandment says that the thief "shall restore" (Exodus 22:1) to his victim the specified amount, which implies a voluntary restoration; but that would be upon the command of a priest, who is the judge in Israel; and, when an Israeli priest gave sentence, the defendant either complied or he died! (Deuteronomy 17:12) So the defendant was well obliged to do the priest's bidding!

I do not care whether or not the thief is caught by men! Yehovaw knows what the miscreant did and has commanded what shall be done with him or her anywhere in His universe! And somewhere down the road, as surely as the coming of night, by illness, injury, other theft or whatever, the thief will have taken from him or her exactly what Yehovaw's commandment requires!

Chapter 3 - His Promises (continued)

No Immediate Return

Within Yehovaw's Holy Bible He recommends an interesting departure from the above normal practice, which involves His promise of an extraordinary blessing upon the giver! You may have noticed that in Yehovaw's Law of Giving (Luke 6:38) it is not necessarily the receiver from whom one may expect the return gift! Yehovaw simply says, through Yehoshua:

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

Yehovaw does not say, through Yehoshua, by whom "**it shall be given**" (Luke 6:38); He simply says:

Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom! (Luke 6:38)

"**Men**" (Luke 6:38) are not necessarily the receiver of the gift; rather, they are people into whose hearts Yehovaw will have put favor toward the giver, to where they without knowing exactly why will want to bless him or her; or it can even be even an enemy of the giver, as was the case when the children of Israel left Egypt!

Silver, Gold and Raiment

Yehovaw wrote, through His recorder:

³⁵The children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver and of gold and raiment!
36And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. (Exodus 12:35 and 36)

Yehovaw's response to a child's giving to a neighbor may be some windfall that will benefit the giver without rhyme or reason on the face of the situation but which will be Yehovaw's fulfilling of the giver in certain judgment of reward for the giver's loving generosity for his or her neighbor!

The benefit can come in the form of Yehovaw's shield from attacks of illness or of sword or of plague upon the giver's person, family or land, which protection would leave the giver far ahead in material advantages than otherwise would have been the case!

Chapter 3 - His Promises (continued)

The Giver loves

Another name for "giver" is "lover", in fulfillment of Yehovaw's commandment that the children of Israel love their neighbors as themselves! (Leviticus 19:18) One has no problem giving of his or her resources to himself or herself! We "treat" ourselves every now and then! And neither should the child of Israel have any more of a problem giving to his or her neighbor, even without an asking price! One seldom sells things to himself!

Once an Israelite gets hold of this truth about Yehovaw's guaranteed return, there is no more cause for worry in his or her commercial transactions! If a neighbor cannot pay the asking price, if he or she forgets to pay it or if for some discontent that cannot be remedied he or she refuses to pay, Yehovaw keeps the books! And He will repay: He said, through His apostle Paul:

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves; but, rather, give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is Mine! I will repay, saith the Lord! (Romans 12:19)

Loving One's Enemy

Under Yehovaw's commerce even one's enemy is to be loved, which is where the above assurance is really put to the test! He said, through Yehoshua:

Love your enemies! Bless them who curse you; do good to them who hate you and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father Who is in Heaven! For He maketh His sun to rise on the good and on the evil and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust! (Matthew 5:44 and 45)

"That ye may be the children of your Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:48) is no small consideration and relates to the fundamental and eternal benefit of being a child of Israel! So, by the authority of Yehovaw's word through Yehoshua, loving one's enemy is a fundamental requirement for being an Israelite, without which one is not a citizen in Yehovaw's kingdom, either on Earth or in Heaven, which relates directly to the child's expectancy of eternal life in that kingdom and of all seven of Yehovaw's gifts to the worthy that life in His kingdom includes – specifically, "power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing"! (Revelation 5:12)

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Chapter 3 - His Promises (continued)

Due Process of Law

So the world's practice of retaliatory sanctions or the withholding of giving (normally considered to be selling) to people who have violated the giver, is not acceptable under Yehovaw's order of commerce! His commandments stipulate the appropriate punishment for those who violate their neighbors, which is to be administered by due process of law (Exodus 21:23 to 25), beyond which a neighbor in Israel dare not go! Yehovaw continued, through Yehoshua:

For if ye love them who love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And, if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? (Matthew 5:46 and 47)

The practice of loving "**them who love you**" (Matthew 5:46) - of expecting an immediate return on one's gift, in the form of an asking price – goes without reward in the sense of Yehovaw's desire to bless extraordinarily His children "**above all that we ask or think, according to the power Who worketh in us**" (Ephesians 3:20), which He is able to do for the child obeying the above commandment!

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Chapter 4 - His Lending

Lending without Hope

Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

If ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye?
For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again! (Luke 6:34)

But love ye your enemies and do good and lend, hoping for nothing
again! And your reward shall be great! And ye shall be the children of
the Highest! For He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil! (Luke
6:35)

In this version recorded by Yehovaw's apostle Luke, the word “**thank**” (Luke 6:34) is substituted for the word “**reward**” (Matthew 5:46), indicating by comparison that Yehovaw's reward is His thanking the obedient child for lending while “**hoping for nothing again**”! (Luke 6:35)

Lending to the Unrighteous

Yehovaw's love for all His children bids that He encourage righteous children to love - yes, even lend to – the unrighteous, in the hope that they may one day reconsider the direction of their behavior, repent and enter into Yehovaw's glorious and eternal kingdom of life, blessing, liberty, joy and power!

The writer's choice of word “**lend**” (Luke 6:34) is strange, within this context; for it relates, even in the original Greek (Strong: Greek: 1155), to lending for interest, which is certainly with a view to receiving a return on the investment, which is not exactly what Yehovaw had in Mind! But it is lending that He wants made available to the enemy, even without interest; so He does use the word, to differentiate from giving according to our commercial practice, where an immediate return is demanded!

Chapter 4 - His Lending (continued)

Two Forms of Lending

Lending without charging interest appears to be what Yehovaw had in mind for His child's treatment of an enemy! And that is different from what one "gives" in normal commerce! In normal commerce, what one gives is what he or she expects and must have in return, to keep going, which is a point stressed by Yehovaw's promise "Give; and it shall be given unto you"! (Luke 6:38) So, also, does the quote I gave above emphasize that appropriate interaction:

¹⁴Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren or of the strangers that are in thy land within thy gates! ¹⁵At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor and setteth his heart upon it, lest he cry, against thee, unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.
(Deuteronomy 24:14 and 15)

Lending from Excess

So appropriate return in commerce is deemed, by most of us, to be vital to every One! But what one lends is from that which he or she may have in excess of his or her daily needs! One usually lends from savings, not from working capital!

One usually "lends" to a neighbor who is in some kind of difficulty! He or she has a need that lies beyond his or her own savings, if he or she has any at all! Or he or she would not resort to borrowing!

If the loan is to bolster an enterprise of some kind, which succeeds, so that the loan can be paid back with interest, well and good! But, if the loan has been, simply, to keep an unproductive neighbor alive a little longer, that has been a kindness to a poor child of Yehovaw, which incurs His certain blessing, to compensate for the loss! One has become His merciful hand extended! He said, through His Psalmist:

¹Blessed is he who considereth the poor! The Lord will deliver him, in time of trouble! ²The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive! And he shall be blessed, upon the Earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies! ³The Lord will strengthen him, upon the bed of languishing! Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness! (Psalm 41:1 to 3)

Chapter 4 - His Lending (continued)

Giving to the Giver

This is another clear example of Yehovaw's law of giving, except on the extraordinary level on which He functions! He said, through Yehoshua:

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

Yehovaw well could have said, "Give extraordinarily! And I will extraordinarily bless you!" The lender having shown Yehovaw's mercy to the poor, which is an extraordinary thing in a world full of harsh indifference to the poor, he will be shown mercy, by Yehovaw, through only He knows how many diverse and amazing sources! Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (Luke 6:36)

The loan made while the creditor is "**hoping for nothing again**" (Luke 6:35) must be made from savings and be regarded as a "risk loan" - not necessarily an "high risk" loan: for few of us can know the future! But with Yehovaw's guarantee of a great reward behind the creditor willing to keep the wheels of his community turning (Luke 6:35), there is, really, no risk at All! To the contrary, a participant in extraordinarily loving his or her enemy has every right to expect an extraordinary blessing from Yehovaw!

If God be for us

Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Paul:

If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

So lending while "**hoping for nothing again**" (Luke 6:35) is Yehovaw's equalizer among His children of Israel! It is what socialistic governments do, in the world, by force of oppressive taxation, which is a form of robbery by the governmentally organized poor or, worse yet, by tyrants in government, who pretend to benefit the poor while keeping most of the taxes and keeping their presumed beneficiaries in abject poverty!

Children of Israel abhor socialism and the governmental tyranny that invariably hides behind it, while Yehovaw's version of social equalization is strictly voluntary on the part of His wealthy children, whom He motivates by the extraordinary blessings He offers them for participating in that vital process!

In these incomparable words from Yehovaw we have His guarantee that our unsecured loans even to "**the evil**" will bring us great reward! (Luke 6:35)

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Chapter 4 - His Lending (continued)

Guaranteed Delivery

Since Yehovaw is our source of all goodness in the universe, He certainly is able and definitely does deliver on His promise!

In His toraw or law Yehovaw allows for a difference between lending to a neighbor in Israel and the stranger! He said, through Moses:

¹⁹Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of anything that is lent upon usury ²⁰Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury, that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it. (Deuteronomy 23:19 and 20)

Notice the permissive term Yehovaw uses for lending to the stranger! "Thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not!" (Deuteronomy 23:20)

The word "usury" is translated from the Hebrew Word "*naw-shak*" , which means "to strike with a sting (as a serpent); figuratively, to oppress with interest on a loan"; and it is translated "bite" or "lend upon usury". (Strong: Hebrew: 5391)

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Chapter 5 - His Perfection

His Ultimate Reward

If Yehovaw's child wants to receive His ultimate reward, by helping Him win back His stranger or lost child, he or she will "**lend, hoping for nothing again**" (Luke 6:35), which we must assume refers to loaning without interest and with no thought of pursuing the defaulting debtor!

In summation of all this excellent council by Yehovaw, He commanded, through Yehoshua:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father Who is in Heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

That is one of my favorite commandments, simply because it shows the high honor and esteem that Yehovaw holds for each of His children; He has the full confidence that they can be "**perfect**" (Matthew 5:48) even as He is perfect or perfectly good to all His children; and that is a goal reaching clear into the stars and beyond!

Righteous Commerce

Mankind has grievously departed, from these divinely stipulated procedures for righteous commerce, and have paid a dear price, for that departure.

When Israel wanted a king, as they had seen the heathen nations around them have their kings, Yehovaw said, to His Prophet:

Hearken unto the voice of the people, in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee! But they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. (1st Samuel 8:7)

Chapter 5 - His Perfection (continued)

He will take your Sons

Then Yehovaw said, through His prophet, to the children of Israel:

This will be the manner of the king who shall reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for himself, for his chariots and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. (1st Samuel 8:11)

¹²And he will appoint him captains over thousands and captains over fifties and will set them to ear his ground, to reap his harvest and to make his instruments of war and instruments of his chariots! ¹³And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, to be cooks and to be bakers! ¹⁴And he will take your fields, your vineyards and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants! (1st Samuel 8:12 to 14)

And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants! (1st Samuel 8:15)

He will take your Menservants

¹⁶And he will take your menservants and your maidservants and your goodliest young men and your asses and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants! ¹⁸And ye shall cry out, in that day, because of your king whom ye shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day. (1st Samuel 8:16 to 18)

Why will Yehovaw "not hear you in that day"?

I believe it is because the problem of looking to an earthly *king* will not have been solved in that day.

The only remedy is to return to the state of affairs that Yehovaw had commanded prior to Israel's choosing an earthly king for themselves, which state Yehovaw administered through His judges, who were, simply, His servants looking after the military and judicial needs of the children of Israel, raising armies and protecting the children from the enemy and judging over the children's disputes and matters of law when the occasion arose that needed such attention and leaving them alone the rest of the time!

Chapter 5 - His Perfection (continued)

Judges of Israel

But take careful note that, when the judges of Israel did lead an Israeli army against the enemy, it was a combined army of volunteers from the twelve tribes he led, not a standing army of his own that he had maintained by taxing the twelve tribes! And, when Israel had been conducting themselves according to Yehovah's commandments, Yehovah's supernatural intervention strengthened that army; and those volunteers became the fiercest warriors ever to be encountered by an enemy! He said, through Moses:

The Lord shall cause thine enemies who rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face! They shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways. (Deuteronomy 28:7)

Yehoshua ha Mawshiyakh is the "King of kings and Lord of lords"! (Revelation 17:14; 19:16) And Yehovah said, through Him, to His disciples:

The thief cometh not but for to steal, to kill and to destroy! I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly! (John 10:10)

Speaking for the Father

Yehoshua spoke the words that His Father in Heaven gave Him to speak. (John 17:8) The children of Israel had Yehovah's life, when they lived under His judges! But in no way was the judge of Israel, who functioned under Yehovah as their leader, ever to become presumptuous and ask, of them, other than what Yehovah had apportioned to him of the land under the disbursements to the children of Israel commanded for them by Yehovah! (Numbers 26:53)

But the minute the children of Israel turned to a king among men, the system of taxation, of impressment into service and the confiscation of lands began for them, as it had long been in place among the heathen or those in rebellion against their maker! So, if you are a bit tired of living under a human government, simply return to Yehovah's government, by deciding to keep the commandments of His law and kingdom! It is that simple!

Only Yehovah knows when the nations of Earth will return to His government; Yehoshua will come and assure that blessed transition, one of these days; and He and His saints will rule them with a rod of iron! (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15)

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Chapter 5 - His Perfection (continued)

Declaring Allegiance

But you and I need not wait for the nations to be straightened out; we can choose Yehovaw's government individually, exactly as a citizen of Mexico can choose to be a citizen of the United States, simply by declaring his or her allegiance to the United States and to its Constitution!

Fascinatingly, Yehovaw's government and the kingdom He governs on Earth and in Heaven is available to us the minute we begin to love Him and keep His commandments! For all the promises He has made to the children of Israel as judgments contained in His commandments are based upon that loving obedience to Him.

The founding fathers of these united states of America hoped that under the constitution they wrote for that union some measure of Yehovaw's government would be enjoyed, in that the American constitution and those of the union's participating state republics reflect some of the truth of His commandments in their provisions, particularly the sovereignty of every citizen, which Yehovaw gave to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden!

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Chapter 6 - His Dominion

Having Dominion

Yehovaw said, to Adam and Eve:

Have dominion ... over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth!
(Genesis 1:28)

The prevailing theme of the American "Declaration of Independence" is based upon That Dominion; and the later state and federal constitutions give deference to "we the people" in acknowledging correctly that it is they "of these united states" who sovereignly came together to "ordain and establish this constitution"!

True to Yehovaw's Holy Bible, it is once again the people who decide what kind of government they want! And, when, under that realization, the founding fathers of this union wrote their federal constitution, they very carefully limited what their servants in the federal government could do and set forth, clearly, what they could not do. (Federal Constitution, 9th and 10th Amendments)

Seventeen Powers

The congress of that government was given seventeen powers (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8); and it could "make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this constitution in the government of the united states or in any department or officer thereof"! (Clause 18) In other words, the Congress could only make laws to expedite the specific things it was told to do by the constitution ordained and established by "we the people of the united states"! (Preamble)

Thus, the sovereignty was to remain with the people, in these united states of America, who answer only to Yehovaw, Who is their only king, through Yehoshua ha Mawshiyakh!

Chapter 6 - His Dominion (continued)

The Express Image

In relation to Yehovaw the Father, Yehoshua is

the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person,
upholding all things by the word of His power! (Hebrews 1:3)

The Federal Government of these united states of America had to have a place to function! So in its seventeenth constitutional power it was given a "seat of the government", over which it was given the power "to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever"! And said government was permitted "like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the Legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards and other needful buildings"! (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 17)

The people of "the united states of America" (Federal Constitution, Preamble) would own land not yet a part of any state republic of the union; and for the government of those stateless territories, they permitted their Congress "power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations"! (Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2) The Congress was to be a trustee of lands given it by "these united states" (Preamble) for the above said purpose!

Law of the Land

Whatever these constitutional powers for the Federal Government might consist of, they were to be conducted under "the supreme law of the land" (Article VI, Section 2), which was "this constitution for these united states of America"! (Preamble) So the sovereign, God-given and unalienable rights of the American citizen living anywhere within the boundaries or territories of "these united states of America" (Declaration of Independence) – their "blessings of liberty" (Preamble) – were to be secured by said constitution!

The Federal Government had to be financially supported! So it was given the power "to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States"! (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1)

Notice, please, that the Federal Government's services were to revert to the "general welfare of the United States"! The Federal Constitution is not talking, here, about the Federal Government's looking after the welfare of itself! For, though it may have taken to itself the name "THE UNITED STATES", that

government is not "the united states", as it has grievously represented itself to be, by taking that name for its "municipal corporation"!

Chapter 6 - His Dominion (continued)

Body of the People

The Federal Government is "the government of the united states" (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18), which is the corporate body of "we the people of the united states" (Preamble), the citizens of the participating state republics, thirteen of which existed prior to the people's causing their new federal government even to exist!

A "duty" is "a tax or impost due to the government upon the importation or exportation of goods". (Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition)

Duty or impost taxes were possible for the Federal Government; because the Congress of these united states was also given the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states ..."! (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3) It could tax anything coming into a state republic; but it could not touch anything being exported from it or bought and sold within it:

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State.
(Article I, Section 9, Clause 5)

A Tax on Performance

The "excises" permitted the Federal Government (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1) are taxes based upon any privilege extended by the Federal Government. The "excise tax" is "a tax imposed on the performance of an act, the engaging in an occupation or the enjoyment of a privilege"! (Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition)

Since the Federal Constitution has given Congress the power to regulate commerce between the state republics as well as that with foreign countries, it can levy an excise tax on those activities to pay for the cost of its regulating them; and, since the Federal Constitution has given Congress jurisdictional power over its "seat of the government", the enclaves it was ceded within various of the state republics and the territories belonging to these united states of America, its excise taxes relate also to privileges it specifically grants citizens within that jurisdiction!

As for taxing the American citizen on his or her property, no citizen wanted that; so "direct taxes" were forbidden the Federal Government by its Constitution, except as they might be "apportioned among the several States which may be

included within this union, according to their respective numbers” (Article I, Section 2, Clause 3) or according to the number of citizens living in each of the state republics!

Chapter 6 - His Dominion (continued)

No Tax on Property

When apportionment was invoked, the property of Citizens was, still, not to be taxed by the Federal Government! Rather, the states were to be so taxed, which would then go to its citizens for recovery of that tax; and each effort to tax in that manner had to be specially legislated by the Congress for a special purpose; it could not become an established mode of taxation.

The American people wanted a government to take care of certain limited services in behalf of the various state republics of the union! And it had to pay the price for those services; so certain limited taxes were permitted the Federal Government; so a number of government employees live on the substance of citizens in the private sector, who produce what the government lives on.

Since the Federal Government is simply an organizational form of a "king" or governor on the order of all the heathen nations around America, it has predictably done what any self respecting king will do and has found grievous ways to circumvent the Constitution that created it, so that it can more effectively rule as a king and tyrannize the sovereign people who thought that a constitution with multiple branches of government "balancing" one another might guarantee a carefully limited "king".

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Chapter 7 - His Wisdom

Determined to be Kingly

But history has proven the children of Israel to be foolish one more time! And they are now agonizing under the tyranny of a Federal Government that is as determined to be kingly as any government heretofore in the world, with all the earmarks of kingship that Yehovaw described to them, to warn them of their first foolishness in choosing a king other than Himself, except that this king taxes a whopping third to one half of all they produce rather than the tenth that Yehovaw warned them about. (1st Samuel 8:11 to 18)

When Yehovaw still was king and dealing with His children through His judges, there were no taxes, impressments or confiscations! And the "Gross National Product" was not diluted by the number of nonproductive citizens living off of the productive ones; they either produced on the land Yehovaw had apportioned them or they starved, except for the merciful provisions He included in His law for the poor!

Mini Governments

Forms of substitute kingship may also found in the commerce of our union. Since the relatively free market provided by Yehovaw in the United States is not regarded to be sufficient by some citizens, they make contracts one with another to arrange for certain accommodations for marketing!

Believing they cannot bargain well enough on their own or under Yehovaw's sovereign hand to obtain quality products or services for the lowest possible price, citizens form associations to do their bargaining for them and of course must pay the administrators of such associations for their service in the bargaining! Various membership outlets of merchandise, automobile clubs, special services, etc., are examples of this kind of mini-governmental activity!

Chapter 7 - His Wisdom (continued)

Diluted Productivity

So the number of productive citizens exchanging their goods or basic services with other productive citizens for their goods or services is again diluted by the administrators of one contractual arrangement after another, until the Gross National Product groans under the weight of those who are living from its bounty without actually producing!

To top off that search for further accommodations, we suffered, for a while, "the Ponzi Scheme", where, by fraudulent misrepresentations, the citizen was deceived into believing that his money, if paid to a member of the scheme above him, would produce a significant return for him. The "return" comes by the stream of payments made by hopeful investors down the line from those who are benefiting from this strange process; and, when the procedure hits bottom, where there are no more people willing to pay into the scheme, the last ones in line find themselves having been seriously defrauded!

In the world today, we bargain with worthless "fiat" money or paper printed in a certain manner and used, by agreement, as "legal tender" or payment for a product or a service!

Coined Representation

But, ideally, where the monetary system is what it should be, the money paid by the victims of the Ponzi Scheme would be the coined representation of what they have produced or its value approximated by a precious metal! (Federal Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 5; Section 10, Clause 1)

Here the productivity of the hopeful victims is diluted by those who live upon their victims' productivity, while the victims continue to rely upon Such a vain hope – specifically, the hope of being given something without having given the measure Yehovaw has stipulated must be given for a return to be expected! (Luke 6:38)

A large return (several "measures" worth) is hoped in exchange for a small investment of one's productivity (the "measure" meted out - Luke 6:38), which is contrary to Yehovaw's order for commerce among His children! So it is doomed to failure, in that it is an extraordinary effort to take rather than to give, which calls for His extraordinary cursing upon them; and that is no fun at all!

Chapter 7 - His Wisdom (continued)

Semi-Ponzi Schemes

The ill repute of the Ponzi Scheme having become a matter of general concern, such fraud became the subject of law and something to be avoided by knowledgeable citizens! But the practitioners of tyranny then devised schemes that without taking on the full appearance of the Ponzi Scheme, partake of its basic principle - the support of participants above by participants below still hoping for the "jet" or "yacht" benefits held out by having a good number of others below them, so that they, too, can enjoy the life of luxury and ease glowingly offered them by the persuasive promoters of the scheme, which is paying one "measure" yet living high on the several "measures" provided collectively by customers "down leg" in the scheme's multi-level structure!

These approximations of the Ponzi Scheme are defended, by their devious devisers' always insisting that a product is being offered the underling in exchange for his investment, to where he really has no cause to complain!

In the brightness of the hope for which the victim is reaching, the fact escapes him or her that the price being asked for the product must support the extraordinary pleasure of those above the customer for however many levels the scheme accommodates!

Diluted National Product

So the victim of "multi-level marketing", as it is called, is being taxed by people aspiring to live especially well on his or her productivity! The Gross National Product is thereby being diluted in yet one other way! So the prosperity of the entire nation of people is being unavoidably diminished!

It is argued, by the proponents of "multi-level marketing", that the several layers of distributors found within any normal market is eliminated by the product's being made directly available to the participant in the scheme, offsetting the price that must support the several levels of participants above the purchaser of the scheme's product! They never mention the fact that their products make their way down through all the levels of the scheme, each level taking its slice of the profit, exactly as do the normal distributors. So where does it all come out?

In the normal market, each merchant pays his supplier "**pressed down, shaken together and running over**" (Luke 6:38) what the cost of the product was for the supplier! It is a reasonable, clean and blessed transaction! It is within Yehovaw's order for the commerce of the children of Israel – not His extraordinary commerce but at least His ordinary commerce!

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Normal Transactions

That merchant may then go and sell his merchandise to another for a reasonable markup on what he paid for it. No one is contractually beholden or in slavery to a complete organization beyond the usual contracts by which to expedite normal transactions! There are no jets or yachts for hardworking suppliers, except as their proficiency in marketing may have supported such affluence; it is, still, a reasonable and blessed transaction!

But what happens in the multi-level market?

Under the heavy and persistent persuasions made by the scheme's deviser, the customer pays an inflated price, which is required for its ability to support an elite "jet set", exactly as the Ponzi Scheme's victim paid his investment, so that several levels of people above him may take their ease, living on what they did not produce, the inflated price being excused, in the mind of the deceived customer, by the prospect that, if he will simply get many customers below him or her, he or she may then join the ranks of the unproductive and live above and beyond the serving and productive love for one's neighbor upon which Yehovaw's entire law and the prophets hangs! (Matthew 22:35 to 40)

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Chapter 8 - His Cursing

Cursing on the Parasites

What happens when you "wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments"? (Deuteronomy 28:15)

Verses 16 through 68 of Deuteronomy 28 in Yehovaw's Holy Bible gives a list of curses personally guaranteed by the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, which is sufficiently ominous to unsettle the most calloused journeyman in life, should he believe that such words have any truth or applicability for him! But he will suffer those cursings, whether or not he believes in the truth of Yehovaw's commandments, if he has presumed to violate them; Yehovaw said, through Moses:

One law shall be to him who is homeborn and unto the stranger who sojourneth among you. (Exodus 12:49)

Afflictions Accomplished

Yehovaw said, through His apostle:

⁸Be sober! Be vigilant; because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, ⁹whom resist, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world! (1st Peter 5:8 and 9)

There lies the challenge - believing that Yehovaw's words are indeed His words and that He means exactly what He has said! Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him Whom He hath sent!
(John 6:29)

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Chapter 8 - His Cursing (continued)

A Fearful Thing

So, the multi-level scheme for marketing shares the same fate as the Ponzi Scheme - it is cursed by Yehovaw! He said, through His author:

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God! (Hebrews 10:31)

On the other hand, it is a joyous life to realize that Yehovaw's blessing falls on the productive citizens of a land, those who give because He has given to them, thus loving their neighbor! He said, through His apostle Paul:

He who loveth another hath fulfilled the law! (Romans 13:8)

He who fulfills Yehovaw's toraw or law finds himself qualified to receive Yehovaw's amazing list of blessings! He said, through Moses:

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field! (Deuteronomy 28:3)

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, the fruit of thy ground, the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine and the flocks of thy sheep! (Deuteronomy 28:4)

Blessed Store

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store! (Deuteronomy 28:5)

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out! (Deuteronomy 28:6)

The Lord shall cause thine enemies who rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face! They shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways. (Deuteronomy 28:7)

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee, in thy storehouses and in all that thou settest thine hand unto! And He shall bless thee in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Deuteronomy 28:8)

The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in His ways! (Deuteronomy 28:9)

Chapter 8 - His Cursing (continued)

Worthy is the Lamb

Yehovaw said, through His apostle John:

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

"the Lamb" (Revelation 5:12) is Yehoshua ha Mawshiyakh, or "Jesus the Christ", about Whom Yehovaw said, 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)

Being "the children of God" (Romans 8:16) requires that we love Him and keep His commandments! (John 1:12; 14:21) If we do that, Yehovaw's word declares that we become "joint-heirs with Christ"! (Romans 8:17) So we, also, become worthy "to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing"! (Revelation 5:12) But in the receiving of these things, we are still obliged to move within the order of commerce ordained by Yehovaw for the children of Israel, one factor of which is the amount of the asking price!

At What Price?

The appropriate response to being given a product or service – i.e., paying the price asked for it – requires some idea of the price being asked; and setting that price is an hard thing to determine! A successful transaction boils down to what the seller believes his product or time is worth in relation to what the buyer believes its value to be, at least to himself; and a compromise between the two parties is thereby required and hopefully reached!

We know, of course, that the prevailing price being paid on the market has a lot to do with those perceptions and decisions! As this matter has been discussed in our fellowship, any number of factors have been thrown up as bearing upon the price of a product or a service, typically justifying the going rates that are to be seen in the present marketplace!

I had considered that, because Yehovaw had asked, of His children, one tenth of what His land had given them over a season, a markup of one tenth would be appropriate in commercial transactions; the measure that is returned "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over" (Luke 6:38) could hardly amount to more than a tenth beyond the value of the gift!

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Outlandish Markups

But that scriptural approach to pricing created quite a stir, among my sons, two of them being businessmen required to make such decisions, who were seeing outlandish markups being successfully asked; so they threw my suggestion out!

Another question entered in: "A one-tenth markup on what?" And again we were thrown right back on the dizzying array of considerations that can be held valid in determining the cost of a product or service! In addressing His tithe, Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord! (Leviticus 27:32)

At the end of a season of raising animals, the new flock would be run under a counting rod; and of an hundred lambs ten of them would be taken to the priest! It was as simple as that! Nothing complicated! Simply do it.

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Chapter 9 - His Simplicity

Rebellious Shepherd

But the complicated and rebellious shepherd might ask,

How about all the money I spent while raising the sheep, feeding and clothing my family and feeding and caring for the sheep? I have had to hire laborers, to help me in all of this. We have a large family! My wife has needed servants as well as those we put in the fields!"

Sorry! Yehovaw's commandment did not allow for the deduction of expenses! He said, "Of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord!" (Leviticus 27:32) Period! In Yehovaw's view, the nine tenths left to the tither would be sufficient to carry him till next year's harvest! Furthermore, His promised blessing upon the obedient would absolutely guarantee the sufficiency of his or her harvest!

Blessings on the Obedient

Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, the fruit of thy ground, the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine and the flocks of thy sheep!
(Deuteronomy 28:4)

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store! (Deuteronomy 28:5)

"But, Lord" I can hear the complicated and rebellious shepherd say (if he were one of my sons):

It took me years to learn what I know about the raising of sheep. Is it not fair to balance the matter by giving me due consideration for all those years and what it cost me to live while I learned all that I did about raising sheep, not to mention what I had to suffer at the hands of those who were teaching me the raising of sheep, their paying me next to nothing because of my apprenticeship?"

Chapter 9 - His Simplicity (continued)

Ridiculous Inflation

This logic is used to inflate any number of prices to ridiculous heights, commonly called "R & D" (Research and Development), according to how desperate the market is for the product or service! Movie stars and ball players build astounding prices into their contracts, based on only God knows what rationale! It is why cut gems are so expensive and why a brain surgeon will ask thousands of dollars for a single operation without batting an eye! Still, Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord! (Leviticus 27:32)

A balancing question might be asked, at this point, of the shepherd so intent on balancing things:

Who sustained you, during your apprenticeship? Yourself or Yehovaw?

It is all in how a person looks at something, is it not?

The Grateful Heart

The person coming from out of the world's perceptions would say, "It is I who had to survive the years of my apprenticeship: it was what I had to pay", while the person familiar with Yehovaw's word would readily concede, "It was He Who saw me through, all those years. It was His gift to me: Alleluia!" Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

Freely ye have received, freely give! (Matthew 10:8)

On the open market, the price to be asked for one's product or service is fairly well indicated by the prevailing price, which is driven down by competition, if there is any; because though a product or a skill may well have cost much in its development, what it costs now to sustain the manufacturer or laborer is what he will consider for his rock bottom price! He or she cannot go lower than that and

still continue his or her operation! But he or she is obliged to go as low as possible on his or her price, to meet the competition!

Chapter 9 - His Simplicity (continued)

So a balance is struck, unless manufacturers band together and fix the price well above what it is really costing them to sustain or unless craftsmen of a particular trade band together and demand a certain wage well above what it costs them to live!

What of Tomorrow?

Anxiety for the future weighs heavily, in such determinations. "One must put something away for a rainy day!" the saying goes; and the world thoroughly endorses that idea, while Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua, to His disciples:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness! And all these things shall be added unto you. (Matthew 6:33)

Take therefore no thought for the morrow! For the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself! Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:34)

Yehovaw told, through Yehoshua, of a certain farmer who failed to understand that truth; and, having enjoyed a bumper crop

said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater! And there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods! (Luke 12:18)

Take thine Ease!

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years! Take thine ease! Eat, drink and be Merry! (Luke 12:19)

But God said, unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be that thou hast provided? (Luke 12:20)

Yehovaw added a postscript to His parable: He said, through Yehoshua:

So is he who layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God! (Luke 12:21)

Chapter 9 - His Simplicity (continued)

The world's tyrants, who are famous for their huge “barns” in the form of world banks, will certainly have a thing or two "required" of them, before it is over. Yehovaw said, through His psalmist:

¹Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity! ²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb! (Psalm 37:1 and 2)

What Lack I Yet?

We find a parallel to that truth, in Yehovaw’s response through Yehoshua to a rich young inquirer, who, having declared that He had kept Yehovaw’s commandments from Childhood, asked, of Yehoshua

What lack I yet? (Matthew 19:20)

Jesus said, unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor! And thou shalt have treasure in Heaven! And come and follow Me! (Matthew 19:21)

But, when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful! For he had great possessions! (Matthew 19:22)

Then said Jesus, unto His disciples, Verily I say, unto you, A rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of Heaven! And again I say, unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God! (Matthew 19:23 and 24)

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Chapter 10 - His Prosperity

Extraordinary Prosperity

The point has been made, to me, over thirty-five years of researching Yehovaw's Holy Bible, that great men of the bible were rich and that Yehovaw's commandments include promises to make His children rich. Indeed, the children of Israel are promised extraordinary prosperity. (Deuteronomy 29:9)

But prospering is one thing, while hoarding is quite another! The rich man of the world is rich because of hoarding! The man "**rich toward God**" (Luke 12:21) is he who has become a channel of riches for the enrichment of Yehovaw's people, the children of Israel, and therefore is marked, in Heaven, for the continuance and increase of His blessings, because he has proved his wisdom to handle his wealth well for the benefit of all Israel!

I delivered the Poor!

Such was the case with Job, who well argued with Yehovaw, in his Affliction:

¹¹When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and, when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me; ¹²because I delivered the poor who cried and the fatherless and him who had none to help him. ¹³The blessing of him who was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy! (Job 29:11 to 13)

The intent to be such a channel, which is a noble intent indeed, has been used, by certain of our fellowship, to justify questionable methods of obtaining the prosperity needed to be that channel. I recall the vacation our family took years ago, which required that we pass through Las Vegas! And a foul spirit spoke, to certain of us, saying,

Chapter 10 - His Prosperity (continued)

Make money at the slot machines and the gaming tables; and then you will have what you need to save the world!

Shrewdly Designed Temptation

Satan knew we were religious people; and he shrewdly designed his temptation to cater to our ambitions with some success! I paced the floor of our motel room, rebuking the spirit I knew was at work on my family, while the rest put his devious offer to work! They came back having lost nearly all we had left by which to get home, let alone save the world!

Many years ago the rage in our family was the assurance of great wealth ever held out by multi-level marketers! And I do not recall ever being so resoundingly reproached for coming against that idea. It is a spirit with which I have a personal acquaintance! For I have been well known for passionately rationalizing my own iniquity in the past.

However it is a different now! I am wary of "[the wiles of the devil](#)" (Ephesians 6:11); and I know that to praise my beloved Yehovaw when things look bleak is wisdom of the highest order! For His hand is sovereign in all such matters; and what comes down does so because He has ordained it, according to His intimate knowledge of the beliefs, confessions and conduct of His children!

Saved from Destruction

My sons having been determined to bring a whipping across their stiff backs yet one more time, Yehovaw was willing to let them; but for the sake of their desire to serve Him well and for my sake, He kept them from being destroyed in the process; in all such matters, He does everything "[for our good always](#)"! (Deuteronomy 6:24)

I have learned enough, from Yehovaw's Book of Job, not to walk too closely in the flawed steps of that poor man - particularly in his anxiety for his sons and daughters! (Job 1:5)

One has a choice in such matters: he or she can live according to Yehovaw's word through Yehoshua! Or he or she can ignore it and live by the world's standards. Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Chapter 10 - His Prosperity (continued)

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)

Yehoshua said, of Yehovaw:

I know that His commandment is life everlasting! (John 12:50)

Entering into Life

Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

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

The younger of my two enterprise-minded sons responded to my thoughts on pricing as set forth above; and his prevailing plea was that I not get into judging what other people charge for either products or services, in view of the fact that there are so many factors that bear upon one's choice of asking price and that, really, the matter being so volatile and there being no specific commandments that seems to address that area of conduct, it is something that needs to be left between each person's conscience and God!

In the first place, "judging" people in the scriptural sense is not holding an opinion concerning some neighbor's conduct! Yehovaw's judgments are not His holding an opinion concerning His children! He undoubtedly has an opinion concerning each one of us, as does each of us concerning Yehovaw and his neighbor, good or bad, accurate or inaccurate! It is where Yehovaw or we move for or against that neighbor based upon that opinion that the matter enters the arena of true "judgment"!

Yehovaw's Pleasure

We knew of a neighbor selling a book for twenty-five times what it had cost her to print it; and I felt a concern about how well that relates to Yehovaw's pleasure according to my knowledge of His Holy Bible!

I love the dear lady and hold her in the highest esteem, for her faith in God and her love for the republic for which we stand! But, when something that somebody is doing seems off of a standard that I have seen set forth in the word of the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe, I have believed the matter to be worthy of some attention!

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I will discuss a scriptural topic with anyone, at the drop of a hat! But I am the last person in the world to go around telling other people how to run their enterprise! And I believe the fear that I might offend his latest and most promising client in that way is behind a good deal of my second son's concern over comments I made at that time only within the confines of the fellowship concerning the topic of pricing!

Doctrinal Madness

My older son, also, was contemplating activities that would have required pricing; so he, too, heard my comments along this line, communicating them to his brother; and the two of them held a day-long conference on the subject, possibly concerned as to whether their father had once again slipped a cog or two and was suffering a mild case of doctrinal madness!

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Chapter 11 - His Tithe

A Troublesome Standard

My second son took exception to my using Yehovaw's tithe as any example to be followed in determining a merchant's markup on his product! My dissenting son felt that any correlation between the two activities breaks down, when one tries to see any applicability of the tithe to the markup!

For one thing, Israeli ranchers coming into the promised land had no mortgage to pay on their land; it was simply given to them by Yehovaw! Nor did they have livestock to buy, having brought with them an ample inheritance of it through the wilderness! So the rancher in Israel did not have to pay a specific cost for the livestock he expected would pass under his counting rod! (Leviticus 27:32)

That is similarly true of today's rancher, once he has a good herd worked up! But he still has to deal with the cost of acquiring his land, unless it, too, was an inheritance! And he also has to deal with the cost of hiring help!

Oppressive Taxation

And the way inheritance taxes are, under the oppressive Federal Government that has now emerged, the present day rancher still has his hands full, financially speaking!

Who could argue against those factors or even want to?

What, then, has been so interesting to me about Yehovaw's tithe in relation to sales activity among the children of Israel?

Chapter 11 - His Tithe (continued)

The initial impression I got, which I believe came from Yehovaw, was that even the holy, almighty, eternal and self-existent Creator and Lord God over all the universe asks back only a tenth of what He gives to His children! That leaves the other nine tenths for them to live on, while being mightily blessed for their obedience in having given Him the one tenth - a bountiful arrangement indeed!

Sellers and Buyers

When the merchant sells, he recoups what he paid for his product and gains a profit above that! The buyer must pay not only the merchant's profit, which is what Yehovaw gets in His tithe, but he must pay what the merchant paid for his product for it to get that far in the distribution system, which means that in a sale today the seller and buyer come close to breaking even, with a slight edge given to the seller, whereas the child of Yehovaw living off his land gets the entirety of Yehovaw's bounty as a gift less only His tithe and the "cost of living" while raising the livestock or produce, as I have discussed above!

The manufacturer must buy his raw materials and pay labor to have them processed and assembled into some product, while the farmer watches his crops grow and the rancher his livestock grow on their own, with minimal assistance from the hired hands! So it really does not take a genius to figure out who comes out ahead, in these comparisons.

Passing on the Gift

Yehovaw said, through Yehoshua:

Freely ye have received, freely give! (Matthew 10:8)

Whether living on the land or in the city, the Israelite has freely received! For, whether or not one wants to acknowledge the fact, the means by which to accomplish anything in the field or in the marketplace comes from Yehovaw! In other words, where does the present day merchant get the money by which to buy the goods he wants to resell?

Alright, the merchant may have borrowed that money; but where did the lender get it?

Sooner or later, it comes back to the fact that one of Yehovaw's children was blessed for some reason and thus had a bounty to work with, the question being: to work how?

Chapter 11 - His Tithe (continued)

Yehovaw said, through Moses:

Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He Who giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant, which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day! (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Commanded to Love

By that word from the almighty Lord God, one would think that he or she would be obliged to give to his or her neighbor as freely and give him or her a little of that power; after all, the Israelite is commanded, by Yehovaw, to love his or her neighbor as himself or herself! (Leviticus 19:18) We must not forget that Yehovaw also said, through Yehoshua:

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)

So let us do a little “what if” and contemplate the scenario where the Israelite on the land passes on, to his neighbors, the gift that he has received from Yehovaw! By the gifts of fellow Israelites with different things to offer, the generous Israelite receives the full value of whatever he passed on plus his divinely guaranteed profit contained in the pressing, shaking and running over that Yehovaw’s word has promised!

His Faithful Word

I cannot say how the giving Israelite will be given that return, by whom or when! But, when Yehovaw’s Children come to realize that His word is faithful and His power to accomplish infinite, they will find His return coming to them in a marvelous way and at a time when it will be the most appreciated!

The interesting thing about all of this is that the son who most sternly took me to task over my suggestions on pricing had already developed an actual aversion to invoicing his clients, over the years, to their utter bewilderment! And for a considerable time it had become a matter of his leaning on them occasionally for a payment of some amount when he has been in need rather than his hitting them regularly with some fixed system of pricing!

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One can better understand that anomaly, by knowing that it has been extremely difficult for this son to pass on directly to his clients the cost of his custom software design for their computer systems, which sometimes takes hundreds of hours to develop! So he simply gave up trying to do that, relying on Yehovaw to keep the books; and He has faithfully done that, by some of the most amazing accommodations imaginable coming from all sorts of arrangements that nobody could have foreseen had they tried for an hundred years!

The Repentant Son

Fascinatingly, my son's clients have accepted that strange approach to blessing one another; so Yehovaw's will as I have viewed it has found expression through that son, despite his arguments against it; and I am reminded of the mini-parable spoken by Yehovaw through Yehoshua:

A certain man had two sons! And he came to the first and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard! He answered and said, I will not! But afterward he repented and went! (Matthew 21:28 and 29)

Over the years I have praised Yehovaw for that fulfillment of His will in our family's enterprise: for I believe it has blessed us in many amazing ways, despite the times when, along with his brothers, I have yielded to the temptation of becoming critical of that son for his reluctance to invoice his clients in a more "businesslike manner"!

So, with this example well impressed upon me, after so many years of its working so well, I have had to wonder what paying attention to Yehovaw's order of commerce might do if it were faithfully expedited!

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Chapter 12 - His Blessing

Blessed Loving Obedience

With Israeli neighbors freely giving to each other what Yehovaw has freely given them and giving Him His tithe each time they receive a new gift, so that the blessing will continue to flow, that people should remain blessed for their loving and grateful obedience to Yehovaw's commandments! (Deuteronomy 28:1 to 14)
But see what you think of the following contrary scenario:

The blessed Israelite decides to charge the going monetary rate for his gift from Yehovaw; so it ceases to be recognizable as a gift any longer! The Israeli merchant gets the monetary value he asks for his gift from Yehovaw, which for the farmer, the rancher or the miner will amount to a tidy sum, since he suffered only the cost of maintaining himself and his family while raising or mining, as well as paying Yehovaw's tithe, if he even bothered to pay that, considering that he is departing from Yehovaw's commercial wisdom for His people!

New Economy

The new economy then begins, with people not owning productive land having to pay both the seller's cost plus his profit each time a transaction is made!

The farmer, rancher and miner get rich! But that is small comfort to them, when they get sick, injured or attacked and die; because they have become cursed in their rebellion against Yehovaw's word, law, covenant and commandments!

Everyone not on the land or having title to it are no longer included in any kind of free giving into their hands; so they immediately become poor! Yet they are continually having to pay for what they are not being given from off of Yehovaw's land! So how does the landless Israelite do that?

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All the landless Israelite has left is his or her hands with which to labor! So he or she must put himself or herself into bondage to the landlords, Israeli or heathen! And the cruel yoke upon the landless becomes bitter!

Serving Strangers

The bondage of the landless reverts mostly to serving strangers; because Israeli landlords do not participate in this kind of oppression, particularly against their own people!

The landless Israelites then find themselves being ruled over and told every move to make and required to pay for their living out of their earnings, which are meager enough by the design of Satan's servants, for whom they are being obliged to work!

Since the advantage to being with land is so obvious, having as much land as possible becomes greatly desired, sufficiently so to transgress Yehovaw's commandments concerning the integrity of each tribe's given land! So landowners, heady on the wine of their advantages over the landless, contrive to make more and more people lose their land to them; and we see a conquest over an entire nation without the enemy's firing a shot!

The willingness to charge money from a neighbor for what was given to one by Yehovaw is not loving! It is hateful, thus violating "the second ... like unto" (Matthew 22:39) Yehovaw's "First and Great Commandment" (Verse 38), which is to love one's neighbor as he or she loves himself or herself!

Hating is Murder!

Yehovaw wrote, through His faithful apostle:

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer! And ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him! (1st John 3:15)

We find, in this sad scenario, that the lusts involved in seeking the advantages of land ownership soon lead, on one pretext or another, to wholesale slaughter of people who resist giving up their land to the lawless landlords, who have organized and become systematic and ruthless in their oppression of neighbors!

The children of Israel groan, under the severity of deprivation in the land of their enemies, to where they work an entire day for a loaf of bread, while their landlords feast on wine and oil, which are much too costly for the poor!

Chapter 12 - His Blessing (continued)

The burden of this oppression brings increasing numbers down to death, with Hell being their destiny! For the value of loving Yehovaw and keeping His commandments becomes lost to them, which is the only basis upon which He can have mercy upon them. (Exodus 20:6; John 15:13 and 14)

Becoming Lost

So the victims of such oppression become lost, being killed “with sword, with hunger, with death and with the beasts of Earth”! (Revelation 6:8) And we discover, with amazement, that the Four Horsemen of Yehovaw’s vision to John have been charging across the land, each one manifesting his own particular horror!

The rider on the White Horse holds a bow with no arrow, denoting the takeover of land by devious schemes rather than outright military might! (Revelation 6:2)

The Red Horse brings the rider with the “Great Sword” and power to make men kill one another, for the land that is so advantageous! (Revelation 6:4)

The Black Horse’s rider holds the scales on which is carefully measured the food of the oppressed people who have been deprived of their land, while the oil and wine of the oppressive and lawless landlords is not “hurt”! (Revelation 6:5)

Death and Hell

And, finally, the Pale Horse bears Death, with Hell following, to receive those killed “with sword, with hunger, with death and with the beasts of Earth”! (Revelation 6:8)

It is not a pretty picture! And Yehovaw is telling me that it all comes of the audacity of the freely blessed Israelite on the land failing to bless his or her neighbor even as Yehovaw has blessed him or her! Yehovaw said, through Moses:

All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's! It is holy unto the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30)

Chapter 12 - His Blessing (continued)

We content ourselves with the idea that by Yehovaw's toraw or law His tithes all the giving that is required of an Israelite; but in the land of our enemies we have been so long away from Yehovaw's free commerce, that we cannot imagine there was ever anything other than obtaining things with money, which under Yehovaw's cursing we have had to gain by the sweat of our brow (Genesis 3:19) rather than pick it off of trees in the Garden of Eden! (Genesis 2:16)

Marketing the Tree of Life

John saw that the trees in the Holy City New Jerusalem in Heaven bear "twelve manner of fruits" (Revelation 22:2) and yield their fruit "every month! And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations"! In Heaven will those fruits be marketed and sold to the highest bidders?

An earthly counterpart of those trees will grow on each bank of an amazing river that will be seen flowing from the side of Yehovaw's new temple in Jerusalem, when Yehoshua has come back to rule over the nations as the "King of kings and Lord of lords"! (Ezekiel 47; Revelation 17:14; 19:16) So what is the remedy we seek?

⁴⁰If they shall confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with the trespass that they trespassed against Me and that also they have walked contrary unto Me ⁴¹and that I also have walked contrary unto them and have brought them into the land of their enemies, if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity, ⁴²then will I remember My covenant with Jacob and also My covenant with Isaac! Also My covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land! (Leviticus 26:40 to 42)

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Chapter 13 - His Church

Commerce of the Early Church(Leviticus 26:40 to 42)

Yehovaw's remedy for what ails His children (Leviticus 26:40 to 42) is exactly the process that each new member of His Church in Jerusalem went through, under His truth as it had been brought to them by Yehoshua, who had demonstrated that truth, by giving up His life into the hands of His enemies, only to be raised up from that terrible death, a gloriously resurrected man!

Fascinatingly, the practice of giving one to another was the commerce practiced daily among the members of the early church! Yehovaw wrote, through His apostle Luke:

The multitude of them who believed were of one heart and of one soul! Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common! (Acts 4:32)

Powerful Witness

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all! (Acts 4:33)

³⁴Neither was there any among them who lacked! For as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold ³⁵and laid them down at the apostles' feet! And distribution was made, unto every man, according as he had need! (Acts 4:34 and 35)

Chapter 13 - His Church (continued)

Since no one has heard of any such communal commerce since then, one must conclude one of two things: Either these members of the early church were mistaken, to where the system failed! Or they had heard Yehovaw's voice well, through ha Kodesh Ruakh, His Holy Spirit, and were quite in line with His will for their commerce!

Great While It Lasted

If the early church were in Yehovaw's will, Satan quickly got in the way and robbed them of their sound scriptural commerce under Yehovaw's law and commandments, quickly returning the members to the exploitive and oppressive environment of Satan's commerce in the world, which has been blindly suffered to this day, except among the members of godly and loving Israeli families, among the members of which Yehovaw's highly blessed commerce is known and practiced to this day!

Amen! Alleluia!

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