

EDITORIAL**BACKSLIDDEN SACRED/TRUE NAMERS?**

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New Phenomenon

There seems to be a new phenomenon in the Messianic Nazarene Yisraelite Torah movements that we are encountering in growing numbers. And that is a new form of backsliding away from true Name usage by those who still claim to be true Name users and advocates.

Many who have been trained in true Name usage, and have learned the basics of that truth, and who have by and large been fully committed to their usage on a full time basis in the past, have been steadfast and faithful. Until now that is!

There is a growing surge among the true Name advocates in Israel and in the Diaspora, who feel that using YHWH's Name is important, but rather than using it in normal everyday activity and conversation, have instead limited their usage of YHWH's Name to liturgy, Torah reading, petition and worship. These new wave of Torah "True Namers", have come to believe that traditional Judaism "may have a point" about not using YHWH's Name too lightly or too casually, and therefore are not fully comfortable with "freely throwing His Name around lightly", in such things as casual conversation and discussion.

While sounding righteous and noble, these deviations from using YHWH's Name even in casual daily encounters and conversations, is in fact a backsliding away from the full revelation background, that many of them came from. Their departure is sad and worse yet unscriptural.

Wrong Premise

Remember the basic premise of traditional rabbinic Judaism against invoking YHWH's Name, is based on a twisting and outright perversion of Leviticus 24 verses 10-16. The rabbinic religious ban on using YHWH's Name (see <http://store.yourarmstoisrael.org/Qstore/Qstore.cgi?CMD=011&PROD=000082> tape TA 85 The Ban! For an in-depth understanding)

is based on their misunderstanding of the events when YHWH told Moshe Rabainu to stone the son of the Israelite woman who blasphemed the Name. The rabbis have

concluded, that blaspheming the Name is paramount to pronouncing it, or mentioning it, or carrying it on one's lips!

But a closer look at the text of Wayiqra/Leviticus 24:11 and 15 reveals the plain pashat meaning of the texts, which is that blasphemy is synonymous with CURSING the Name, or using the Name to curse others. Nowhere do these verses even remotely suggest that using YHWH's Name is in itself the act of blasphemy. That is pure religious tradition, that in it's most basic creed, is both unscriptural and dangerous, in so much that it stifles the true gospel being carried to the nations, sealed in the Names of Yahuwah and Yahshua (Matthew 28:19). The absence of the Name is the very door opener that the Jesus/Jehovah crowd have needed to get their foot in the door, and thus propagate their false gospel of anti-nomianism and false Names, which usually go hand in glove.

Setting Aside A Hebraic Lifestyle

Certainly no true believer would ever actually intentionally curse YHWH's Set Apart Name, any more then they would do to Yahshua's Set Apart Name. So scripture prohibits us from cursing His Name with the penalty of death. But as found in countless places it encourages and even demands that we sing, teach, talk, meditate, proclaim and conduct all behaviors, both physical and spiritual, in the true Names. A Hebraic mindset never seeks to separate the spiritual from the physical realm. Those who invoke the Name for congregational purposes but not individual purposes such as casual conversation have followed the path of Greco-Romanism and have unbiblically compartmentalized their lives into the spiritual (congregational usage of the Name) and the physical (non-usage the rest of the week). Were we to apply the same fallacious standards to say stealing then we could say that stealing can be practiced during the week, but never on Shabbat. The Hebraic mind sees all days as kadosh/set-apart with Shabbat being the most kaddosh. Therefore all day are kadosh, and are days to apply Yahuwah's request that we invoke and incorporate His Name in all our daily activities and in all our comings and goings all the days of our lives!

The Book Of Remembrance

In Malachi 3:16, YHWH declares that "Then shall those who fear YHWH speak to one another, and YHWH listen [s] and hear [s], and a Book of Remembrance be written before Him, of those who fear YHWH and those who think upon His Name". Not only are we told to proclaim and worship in His Name, YHWH even keeps and maintains a special book called the Book of Remembrance, where the names of those who "SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER" in YHWH's Name are recorded.

Obviously this book is separate from the “Lamb’s Book of Eternal Life”. Now in order for YHWH to record our names in a special Book of Remembrance, with the qualifier being that those listed in this book TALK TO ONE ANOTHER in YHWH’s TRUE Name, then the fallacious argument that we ought not to use YHWH’s Name in casual conversation between believers is pure rubbish. How can YHWH listen in to our conversation one to another (Malachi 3:16), if we don’t use His Name in all our conversations, even casual non-theological ones? Some people just don’t want scripture cramming their zealous attempts at promoting their own humility and self-righteousness!

And, it is a new wave of this religious rubbish that is causing a wave of slippery backsliding among true Name advocates. This backsliding takes on the form of a mixture of self-righteousness, and an incorrect aspect of rabbinical Judaism.

This new wave of rubbish eventually limits YHWH’s Name to liturgy, petition and Torah reading, and in some extreme cases refrains from using it in both worship and normative conversation. This new form of backsliding has seen a sad falling away from the truth by those who truly do love YHWH's Name, but have been deceived into a part time usage of it. On Shabbat in shul/assembly, they will use YHWH. But then on other days, they are right back to Ha Shem! Yet many fund raise and solicit themselves and their works as True Name Ministries!!!!, as one deception leads to another. Beware of those who claim to be but are not true Name ministries. Producing one true Name book or tape every so often, does not define a True Name Torah Messianic ministry, anymore than having one song on a CD using Yahuwah, while most of the other cuts use the title of HaShem. If you are going to use HaShem, then use it in conjunction with Yahuwah, as in BARUCH HASHEM YHWH! This way at least, you’ll know what Name is being blessed and honored.

Reward For Casual Conversation!

Malachi 3:16 make it crystal clear that YHWH rewards those who use His true Name between themselves, even in casual conversation, with an entry into the "Book of Remembrance". So the best situation for any true Name advocate is to have his or her Name inscribed in both the Lamb’s Book of Life, and The Book of Remembrance for those who REMEMBER His Name, and are blood redeemed!

In Mattityahu/Matthew 5:18, the word translated jot is actually yud (the English letter Y). As such, no letter of Torah is to be discarded, eliminated, or changed, until heaven and earth pass away, or this age is ended and renewed. The removal of the proper Name YHWH, Yud, Hay Vav, Hey during causal conversation and communication, in effect removes a yud. NOT JUST ANY YUD, BUT THE YUD IN YAHUWAH’S NAME!

That practice of removing yuds (Y's) and changing yuds to heys, or shins or any other Hebrew letter, is a change of Torah, AND a violation of the Sermon on the Mount, a Torah lesson by Moshiach if there ever was one!

Rabbi Web Hulon also points out that in Ruth 2:4, Boaz and the reapers greet one another with, and in the Name of YHWH!

Teshuvah

Let those who have mistakenly committed themselves to limit their usage of YHWH's Name to liturgy or petition, return, make teshuvah, and make a conscious and eternally rewarding choice to invoke his Name in all areas of life, including causal conversation, which is the Hebraic road back to Tzion.

Let them determine to use YHWH's Name as a lifestyle, and not merely a religious activity, limited to usages that man himself in his own arrogance has determined is best. Rather than that, let us who desire not to be erased from the "Book of Remembrance", determine anew, that we will not fall prey to this new self righteous, yet damaging deception!