

April 5, 2017

## The Way of Truth and Light

Dear Family,

The ways of our God are so wise and wonderful! It is difficult to understand why we would choose any path but the ones He sets before us, but, in this world, we have become accustomed to ways that are filled with compromise, or outright rebellion. Our weekly Torah portion found in **Leviticus 6:1—8:36** contains a section of teaching that shines light on how differently the natural human mind perceives things than our Heavenly Father does.

*Leviticus 6:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

*Leviticus 6:2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;*

*Leviticus 6:3 **Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:***

*Leviticus 6:4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that **he shall restore** that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, **or the lost thing which he found,***

*Leviticus 6:5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.*

The thing that I noticed in these verses was that **finding a lost article and keeping** it is considered by God to be the same manner of offense as taking something by violence. In each case, YHWH requires restoration plus twenty percent and the giving of a trespass offering. In many people's minds in the world today, finding something is considered "good fortune," but God expects us to make a diligent search to find the owner. Now, this is but one of many things that the Teaching and Instruction of God brings forth that show our God's way of doing things, and His kingdom standard for us, His children, is to exceed the standard of this world in which we live.

*Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:*

*Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

*Isaiah 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.*

*Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

Jesus taught the ways of God, and His will for us, in the fifth through seventh chapters of Matthew, and showed clearly the contrast of what is considered right by man compared to what God has spoken as His way of doing things. Some of things that are commanded in the Torah and the rest of Scripture don't make sense to the natural mind; things like turning the other cheek, not mingling seed or yarns, clean and unclean animals, wearing clothes that

show clear sexual identity and many other instructions, may seem trivial and unimportant if we fail to grasp that His ways are higher than our ways and remember that He does all things well, and for our benefit. If we submit to Him and His ways, He will always direct us into the paths of love and shalom, ways that will work for our good, and cause us to be an extension of His love to others.

*1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Every Word of God is truth, and His wisdom transcends our natural minds so far that without receiving the mind of the Spirit from Him we are incapable of understanding or receiving the good things He has planned for us. This song by Russell Fragar is a Spirit-led prayer. It is my desire, and I believe it is the cry of your heart, also.

Show me Your ways  
That I may walk with You  
Show me Your ways  
I put my hope in You  
  
The cry of my heart  
Is to love You more  
To live with the  
Touch of Your hand  
Stronger each day  
Show me Your ways

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*Psalms 25:4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.*

*Psalms 25:5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.*

*Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.*

**Join us to learn the Authority of the Believer each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Granby.**

**The Passover Seder at LWCF will be held on Monday, April 10 at 5:30pm. Plan ahead, and be on time for this Appointed time with our Lord.**

Getting ready,  
Terry