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The Restoration of the Testimony of Yeshua

Fallen Man-Fallen Flesh

Key Points:

- Adam was originally created in YHWH's image, literally
- When Adam and Eve sinned they no longer produced seed in YHWH's image, but in their own fallen image
- The seed of Adam, Eve, and the Serpent was changed when they violated YHWH's Torah
- Eve added to YHWH's command, saying "YHWH said not to touch the fruit lest they die"
- The hope of the gospel is to be released from our bodies of death, fallen flesh
- We are reconciled to YHWH through Yeshua's flesh, literally
- Baptism/Mikva is tied to the dead being raised
- Our bodies are seeds planted perishable and raised imperishable
- Our flesh/bodies will appear like the Heavenly Adam in the resurrection
- If Yeshua is not raised from the dead there is no hope, there is a great mystery here, why is this so important? We are to become one with flesh and blood that can overcome death
- Victory over death only comes through the flesh and blood of Yeshua, the Messiah, literally
- The key to our victory is Yeshua's incorruptible flesh
- We cannot understand the mystery of the work of messiah if we don't take literally the original created image/state of Adam and the literal fall of his and our flesh

The key to understanding the significance of Yeshua's uncorrupted flesh is to go back to the beginning of man's story in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 1: 27 So **God created man in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

YHWH specifically cites that He made Adam and Eve in His image. We have lost the significance of this act because of millennia of false teaching. There is likely no more important admission of YHWH than the fact that the original two people in the garden were created to be like Him. Just as the animals produced after their seed, YHWH was producing after His seed. However they lost the ability to reproduce in YHWH's image after their disobedience to YHWH's instruction to not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Genesis 2: 7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. *8* And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. *9* And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil... *15* And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. *16* And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: *17* But of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

Notice that YHWH tells Adam and Eve that they may eat of any other tree but not of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and in the day they eat of it they would surely die. Death is often associated with the act of separation. They were forced out of the Garden of Eden where they communed with YHWH and were cut off from the source of Life, YHWH Himself. It is interesting to note that YHWH told them not to eat of the tree, but when the serpent questioned Eve about the tree, she added to YHWH's command and said that YHWH told them something different.

Genesis 3: 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? *2* And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: *3* But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, **Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.** *4* And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: *5* For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your **eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.** *6* And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. *7* And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. *8* And

they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Eve adds to YHWH's command and says that she was told not to eat it or touch it, lest she die. Eve was well intended but wrong about the instruction and the serpent used this to trap her in her own addition to the command of YHWH. YHWH told Adam and Eve to not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Evidently when she touched the fruit she didn't die as she said she would. She likely used this as her rationale to go ahead and eat of the fruit. This logic trapped her into disbelieving YHWH and resulted in Adam and Eve being cast out and separated from the presence of YHWH.

YHWH knew something had changed; He evidently couldn't detect them in the garden as He normally would have, or He wouldn't have had to ask where they were. The results of this act of eating the fruit were several curses and the prophecy of conflict between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent and the eventual redemption of the children of Adam and Eve. This message about seed runs throughout the scriptures and Yeshua takes a great deal of time in the gospels teaching parables about different seeds and their judgment. The core message of the entire scriptures does not change from start to finish.

*Genesis 3:14And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art **cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:** 15And I will put **enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.** 16Unto the woman he said, I will **greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.** 17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;** 18**Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;** 19**In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.** 20And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*

*Genesis 3:21Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God **make coats of skins, and clothed them.** 22And the LORD God said, Behold, **the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:** 23Therefore the LORD God **sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.** 24So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life.***

Interesting to note is that after the curse of the conflict of the seeds, the next curse is about the pain that would now be associated with the creation of new seed, birth, the need to eat of the fruit of the ground, tilling of the ground, and the return to dust. YHWH then covers Adam in Eve in flesh. YHWH laments that He must send Adam and Eve out of the Garden lest they eat of it in their current fallen condition (corrupted) and then live forever. The underlying redemptive hope is that our fallen flesh, made of and sustained by the dust of the ground, will be redeemed, healed, made whole (restored to its original state) and made incorruptible before we take of the Tree of Life and live forever with a restored relationship with YHWH. The Torah's core message is about how to come back into relationship with YHWH, how to re-enter the Garden of Eden, how to hear the voice of YHWH, how corrupted flesh can be made clean and whole.

The Torah is telling us how the image of YHWH can be placed back into the heart of man. Let's tear down another false understanding. Most everyone will tell you, "We are made in the likeness and image of God." Let's be accurate. Genesis 1 shows Adam and Eve were made in the image of YHWH. But Genesis 5: shows that stopped after they disobeyed, fell, were covered in fallen flesh, and expelled from the Garden.

*Genesis 5: 1This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, **in the likeness of God made he him;** 2Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. 3And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and **begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image;** and called his name Seth:*

The Torah is clearly showing us that before Adam and Eve fell they were made in the likeness and image of YHWH. After they sinned, they no longer produced kind after kind in YHWH's image. They now produced seed and flesh after their fallen image and likeness, sinful, subject to death, subject to the curse, corrupted flesh. So we are no longer made in the image of YHWH, we need the image of YHWH to be restored in us so that we may have the original state of relationship restored and then we can once again draw near to Him. More on this later and how the Leviticus priestly rituals repeatedly show how this occurs through the ordination of the priests, what to do when having touched dead flesh, what to do with Lepers, and how to purify oneself after a menstrual cycle, emission, or the birth of a child and preparation for the High Priest to enter the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur. These are all related to the redemption of corrupted flesh.

Paul gives us great insight into this issue of living in corrupted flesh and the need for redemption. He refers to the flesh in this corrupted state as a "body of death" and hopes for the day when his change will come.

*Romans 3:23But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24O wretched man that I am! who shall **deliver me from the body of this death?** 25**I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.***

Paul goes on later to explain that our deliverance comes not through our own flesh, but through the flesh of the Messiah. It is through the body of

His flesh that we are presented before the throne of YHWH holy, un-blameable, and un-reproveable.

*Colossians 1: 21*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **22In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and un-reproveable in his sight:** *23*If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and **be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;**

We must not miss this critical fact, we must have the flesh of Yeshua in order to appear before YHWH and not receive condemnation. He urges us not to be moved away from this hope of the gospel. Paul expounds further indicating our only eternal hope is to be baptized into the Body of Yeshua in order to be resurrected.

*I Corinthians 15:12*But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? *13*If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. *14*And **if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless** and so is your faith. *15*More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. *16*For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. *17*And **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.** *18*Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. *19*If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

*I Corinthians 15:20*But **Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** *21*For since death came through a man, **the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.** *22*For as in Adam all die, **so in Christ all will be made alive.** *23*But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. *24*Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. *25*For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. *26*The **last enemy to be destroyed is death.** *27*For he "has put everything under his feet."^[c] Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. *28*When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Our testimony is worthless if there is no resurrection of the dead and if Yeshua is not raised. That means we would be without hope. Why? Because we can only appear before the throne of YHWH in body of Yeshua's flesh, otherwise we cannot approach the throne of YHWH, let alone come into relationship with him. And how do we put on the flesh of Yeshua?

*I Corinthians 15: 29*Now if there is no resurrection, **what will those do who are baptized for the dead?** If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? *30*And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? *31*I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. *32*If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? **If the dead are not raised,**

We are Mikva'd (baptized) into the Body of Yeshua. Through this act we are putting on the Body of Yeshua. This is no casual connection or sequence of scripture. John baptized, Yeshua baptized, and the apostles baptized. But for what purpose? To receive Yeshua's flesh/body. Again there is no accidental reason that Paul explains next the nature of seed, flesh, body, corruptible, incorruptible, earthly and heavenly, spiritual and natural. He is explaining that we must have a new flesh, new seed, and new body.

*I Corinthians 15:35*But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? **With what kind of body will they come?"** *36*How foolish! What **you sow does not come to life unless it dies.** *37*When you sow, **you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed,** perhaps of wheat or of something else. *38*But **God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.** *39***All flesh is not the same:** Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. *40*There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. *41*The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

*I Corinthians 15:42*So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. **The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.** If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. *45*So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"^[e]; **the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.** *46*The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. *47*The **first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.** *48*As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and **as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.** *49*And just as we have **borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we^[f] bear the likeness of the man from heaven.**

*I Corinthians 15:50*I declare to you, brothers, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.** *51*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but **we will all be changed**— *52*in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the **dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.** *53*For the **perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.** *54*When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "**Death has been swallowed up in victory.**"^[g] *55*"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"^[h] *56*The **sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.** *57*But thanks be to God! He **gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

What exactly is the testimony of Yeshua and how does it relate to His flesh? Repeatedly we are told to keep the commandments and the testimony

of Yeshua. Have we thought about what that testimony really is? We need to stop defaulting to the script of "going out into all nations declaring the gospel" and figure out what is the Gospel of Yeshua.

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