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**As many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons of Yahweh.--
Romans 8:14.**

Paul has given a plain statement by which we may determine whether we are truly sons of the heavenly Father, and it behooves us one and all to examine ourselves by the yard stick he has given, that we might know just where we stand.

Paul has said, Ye are the sons of the Almighty Father, if ye are led by His Spirit. What then is the Spirit by which we must be led if we are to be among the children of Yahweh.

Some claim that the Spirit is power which takes its abode within man and makes him chirp and mutter; others, that it is the power which makes us talk in an unknown tongue; still others, that it is the power which makes us meek and humble; others, that it is the power which makes us able to perform the mighty feats of miracles, that Yahweh may be glorified. It is not the thought of the writer to take up the truth or the absurdity of these claims, but we wish to point out from the Scriptures, just what the Spirit of Yahweh is, and what Paul means by being led of the Spirit.

In the Scriptures, we find that the Spirit which emanates from the heavenly Father and is shed forth in the world, and in the lives of the saints of Yahweh in Yahshua, is called by various terms; as, the Spirit, the kodesh Spirit, the Spirit of grace, the Spirit of a sound mind, the Spirit of truth, and many such appellations of the many powers and attributes by which the Spirit of Yahweh is manifested in the world. However, we wish to point out in this article that the Spirit is a very real and tangible force to be reckoned with, even though it cannot be seen. Just as the wonderful power of electricity is unseen, yet its powerful force is harnessed, and used for the blessing of mankind. In like manner the power of the Spirit of Yahweh is around us, and in us, and available for our use, for our blessings and the glory of Yahweh, if we but use it. As we do not obtain the light, the heat, the power, and the healing rays, from the electricity, if we do not rightfully use it; in very much the same way, the Spirit of Yahweh is unused by the majority of mankind, whereas it could be utilized for a wonderful work,—to Yahweh's glory and blessing of His creatures.

What then is the Spirit of Yahweh? The Saviour Himself, in John 14:26, calls the Spirit of Yahweh, the "Comforter, the kodesh Spirit." It then is a comfort, a

companion, a blessing to man. In this same discourse (verses 16 and 17) the Saviour called this Comforter “the spirit of truth.” In John 17:17, the Saviour said that His Father’s “Word is truth.” Then, from the Saviour’s own lips, we have learned that the Kodesh Spirit, the Spirit of Yahweh, is the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, or the essence of Yahweh’s word, the Scriptures. Ye shall know the truth, because the Spirit of truth is present in your life, and that knowledge given you by the Spirit will not only make you free, but will make you a man or a woman of power for good, not only to yourself, but to others, and a praise to Yahweh the Giver.

This Spirit of Truth, or the Kodesh Spirit (not Ghost), is a very real thing. Without it we cannot understand spiritual things. The word of Yahweh is just another book, to be read and digested by a carnal mind, as any other book is used; but with the Spirit of Truth in our lives, dominating our minds, controlling our hearts’ impulses, then the Word of Yahweh, which the Spirit of Truth originally gave, becomes a new book, with a new message, and its secrets (and they are truly secrets to the uninitiated, those void of the Spirit of Truth) become clear to the reader as he, or she, seeks them out for the glory of Yahweh the Giver.

When people claim the Baptism of the Kodesh Spirit, and remain saturated with the paganism's of Christianity, and refuse to walk in the deeper truths of the Scriptures, and whose lives are void of power, and empty of talents for the blessing of others, one can readily perceive that such an one has not the Spirit of which the Scriptures speak.

The Saviour said, “When... the Spirit of truth (the Kodesh Spirit) is come, he will guide you into all truth.”--John 16:13.

Does this sound like a believer remains unmoved, remaining at the same point in his knowledge of truth, as when he was saved, and the Spirit of truth (the Kodesh Spirit) came into his life? Yet, the fact remains that among those we meet, who claim the “baptism,” there is a greater lack of Scriptural knowledge than in any one class. The question is, Why? We believe that they have not been really baptized with “the Spirit of Truth,” the Spirit of Yahweh, which the early saints were immersed in.

Our Saviour Yahshua was “led by the Spirit” (Luke 4:1), and the saints of the early congregations were likewise led of the same Spirit. May we consider a few of these, as illustrations of just what we mean.

Yahshua was led by the Spirit to temptations, to trials, to a wonderful ministry, and eventually to a sacrificial death on Calvary. It was not His own spirit or will that marked out His pathway in life, for He cried, "Not my will but thine be done," "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me."—Luke 22:42; John 6:38.

As was. the Saviour led of the Kodesh Spirit, so were also His followers. Consider Philip, in Acts 8:29, where the Ethiopian Eunuch was converted. The Spirit of Yahweh knew both the heart of the Eunuch and the heart of Philip, so it directed everything, to the eventual conversion of the Ethiopian, and the blessing of the people of Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian was reading the prophecy of the Messiah, as found in Isaiah 53rd chapter, and Yahweh had taken notice, and so by His Spirit He directed Philip to make contact. "The Spirit (the Spirit of truth) said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Philip was led of the Spirit, and so he hastened to do its bidding. The record states, "Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet 'Isaiah.'" Upon the completion of the reading, "Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Yahshua." The Spirit of Yahweh (the Spirit of truth) not only worked upon the mind and heart of the earnest, consecrated, willing, eunuch, that he was convinced of his need of this Saviour, but the Spirit led him to ask. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Here is an example of the working of Yahweh's Spirit in the lives of two men, who yielded and were obedient to the Spirit of truth. O, that there were more men and women like Philip and the Eunuch. Led of the Spirit.

Consider also the apostle Peter, being led of the Spirit to convert the awaiting and ready Cornelius . "The Spirit said unto him, Behold three men seek thee. Arise, therefore, and get down, and go with them, doubting nothing for I have sent them."—Acts 10th.

There was nothing indefinite about this transaction. Yahweh, who knows the heart, knew that Cornelius was ready for Salvation, and He also knew a man ready to take the message to him, so He acted upon the heart and mind of Peter for the salvation and blessing of Cornelius and his household. O, that there were more men and women like Peter and Cornelius. Led of the Spirit!

What a wonderful change would be wrought in this land of ours, IF (yes, if) every man and woman who claims to have been baptized of the Spirit were truly led of the Spirit, so that those seeking truth, which the Spirit of truth can give,

would be blessed by a personal ministry of those who have' real salvation and are possessed of the leading of the Spirit of Yahweh.

Let us consider a congregation of believers who were led of the Spirit. The Antiochian Congregation were real men and women of Yahweh. His Spirit had right of way in their lives. When they met in worship, they sought His will, that they might be more successful in soul winning. "As they ministered to Yahweh, and fasted" (How many do this in the congregation today?) "the Kodesh Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work wherein I have called them. And when they had fasted (some more) and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."— Acts 13:1-3.

How many congregations today wait upon Yahweh with fasting and prayers to learn His will that they may be led of His Spirit, O, that all assemblies everywhere who profess to be led of the Spirit of Yahweh would really be under its control and bidding. What a wonderful revival there would be in this world today. How we do need such congregations of saints to lead us out of the wilderness in which we have lost ourselves. O, for congregations "led of the Spirit."

The Spirit of Yahweh will not only lead His saints into the useful channels, but will also keep our talents from being wasted, if we but yield to its bidding. Study this example for a moment, as found in Acts 16:7. Paul and Timothy and the company of workers with them were laboring in Asia Minor, in the region of Galatia, and with great success. The congregations were established in the faith, and increased in numbers daily. Then Paul and his company decided, without the Spirit's leading, to turn eastward into Asia; but the Spirit of Yahweh knew best, and forbade them to preach eastward into Asia. Why? Because the talents and labors of the saints would thus be lost in this vast wilderness, filled with heathen and idolaters, descendants of Japheth. Today, we see the thousands of workers spending their lives in this great area, spending millions of dollars their hearts are not ready for the message and valuable talent and much time to bring salvation to these multitudinous peoples; but the result is far from favorable, because of salvation. In Yahweh's due time, all this will be changed; but, meanwhile, we shall not hope to see the results that the time and expenditure would be expected to bring forth.

Let's turn now to Paul and his company, who were forbidden to preach Salvation in Asia. Afterwards they tried to turn to Bithyma, "but the Spirit suffered them not."--Verse 7.

Why was all this change made in the plans of Paul and his workers? Simply

because Yahweh, who knew the heart of the Ethiopian Eunuch, and the heart of Cornelius, knew also the hearts of the Asiatic peoples, that they were not ready for the message of salvation; and did know, on the other hand, that the peoples of Europe were ready for the Glad Tidings of Salvation. Why? As we know now, and as the Spirit knew then, Europe was being settled, and destined to be populated, by the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—specifically, the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, who were led out of Palestine centuries before, and who were migrating into the fertile regions of Europe.

Time has shown us the wisdom of the Spirit's guidance, and how Europe accepted the Glad Tidings of Yahshua, and became an instrument in the hands of Yahweh to bless the world. Through these converted "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel," the Scriptures have come down to us today, with the manifold blessings that our portion, even with the imperfections of the Christian faith and the lack of perfection in many translations of the originally pure Scriptures. However, where would we American and Europeans be today, and under what conditions would we be living, if Paul and others had been permitted to turn eastward into Asia, and waste their talents and truths among the unimpressed heathen of the Japhethic race? We leave the answer to you!

We have learned that Yahweh, if allowed to do so, will lead the believer, as He led Peter and Paul and the congregation at Antioch—to the blessings of others, to the salvation of souls. He is just the same today, when He finds hearts and minds upon which His Spirit can work. Believe it or not! Have you tried to let the Spirit lead you to bring salvation to some one in sin? Try it! Today!!

Now let's think for a moment about some other benefits of being led of the Spirit of Yahweh. Did you ever consider for a moment that the truth you have (be that small or much) was given you by the Spirit of Yahweh opening up your heart and mind to learn the message of truth, which the Spirit of truth was willing to teach you? The Scriptures of old were given by Yahweh to men, kodesh men, who penned then under inspiration of the Kodesh Spirit. The Kodesh Spirit, not only thus gave us the Scriptures, but that same Spirit of truth will teach us, perhaps as Philip taught the Ethiopian, or as the apostle Peter taught Cornelius, or it may be by your own study of the word, with a willing heart, and a mind that is open to the truth, whatever it may be. "Not my will but thine be done," is the state of the mind open to being "led of the Spirit of Yahweh."

In Romans 8:1, Paul states that "There is now no condemnation to them which are in the Messiah Yahshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit; for

the law of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yahshua hath made (them) free from the law of sin and death.” Those who are thus led of the Spirit are free from death and all condemnation, because they are obedient to the law of life and truth, through being led of the Spirit in Yahshua the Messiah. John said, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law.”—I John 3:4.

“The wages of sin is death,” Paul states emphatically and so that which we reap for breaking the law of Yahweh, thus becoming sinners, is death, real death. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die,” yes, really die. Thus, if we transgress the law, we become sinners; if we become sinners, we must pay the penalty, that is, die the death,—unless Yahweh in His mercy pardons our transgressions; and this He has promised to do, if we do our part. Ponder the verse we just quoted, “There is NOW no condemnation to them which are in Messiah Yahshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” In other words, you are free from the death sentence, IF you are led of the Spirit. Hallelujah!

Again Paul states this truth clearly in Galatians 5:18, saying, “If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.” How true this is. If a believer is daily, yes, hourly, led of the Spirit of Yahweh, he will be led into the paths of righteousness, away from sin, kept free from transgression of the law, and his course of life will be one of freedom from sin,—because he is led of the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit of Truth.

Being led of the Spirit of Yahweh makes us free from sin, and useful followers of the Saviour, Who was our example, and led of the same Spirit. Being then one with Him by adoption, we are of the household of faith, true children of the heavenly Father, and thus our text is fulfilled in us, “As many as are led of the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons of Yahweh.” Hallelujah!

Tarry until ye be imbued with power! It is for you, beloved, to teach you, to lead you, to keep you, to bless you, to enable you to overcome and gain eternal life. Seek, tarry, wait! He is able. Now? Yes, right now.

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