

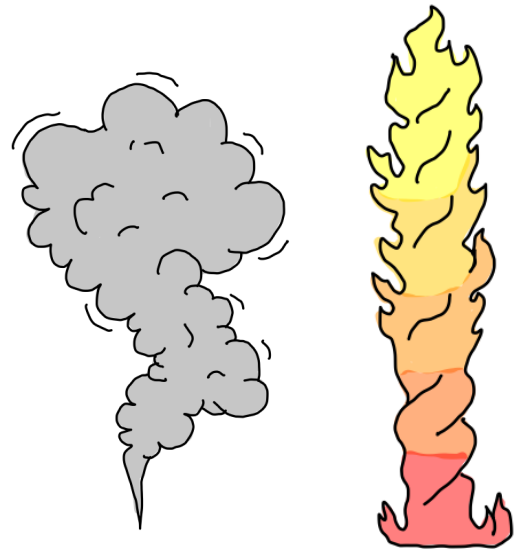
B'shalach

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"When he sent"

Then it came to pass,
when Pharaoh had sent the people out,
that God did not lead them by way of the land of the
Philistines, although that was near; for God said,
"Lest perhaps the people change their minds
when they see war, and return to Egypt."

Exodus 13:17



First Pray

Father God,

Thank You for redeeming us from death!
Please help us to rely completely upon You
as we learn to submit to Your perfect order.
We thank you for the perfect order You have
established that allows us to live in Your
presence and be blessed by You. Thank You
for giving us victory when we rely upon You
and worship You in the midst of all battles.

Please remind us both night and day of
all the provisions You have given us. In
Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Next Read

Exodus 13:17-17:16

In this week's Parasha we learn that when God redeemed the first born in Egypt from death, He did not lead the Children of Yisra'el (Israel) out of Egypt by the fastest route. Instead, He led them into the wilderness to teach them complete dependence on Him!

He led them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night. The pillar of cloud sheltered them from the hot desert sun, and it led them in the right direction each day. The pillar of fire at night also led them in the right direction as it provided protection for them and warmth during the cold nights in the wilderness. These supernatural pillars of cloud and fire were always with the Children of Yisra'el as they traveled in the wilderness, and they testified to everyone that the people were being protected and led by God.

God knew that Pharaoh would harden his heart and pursue the Children of Yisra'el to capture them and take them back to serve him in Egypt.

Therefore, God led them to a place where there was no hope for victory except by the powerful Salvation of the LORD! God miraculously parted the Red Sea and the Children of Yisra'el crossed from Egypt to safety on dry land. However, Pharaoh and his men with 600 chariots were hurled into the sea for complete defeat resulting in eternal death and condemnation!

God defeated the enemy, and Moshe (Moses) and the Children of Yisra'el (Israel) praised Him with a new song! God gave the Children of Yisra'el new life, or a new beginning, on the other side of the Red Sea. Following the Red Sea crossing, God continued to lead the Children of Yisra'el into the wilderness to teach them how to agree with Him, follow His order, have faith in Him and worship Him properly. God's greatest desire is to bless all those He has redeemed and give them victory over the enemy. When the redeemed people of God trust in Him alone, obey His commands, rely on His provisions and faithfully worship Him with praise and thanksgiving they are victorious and blessed by Him.

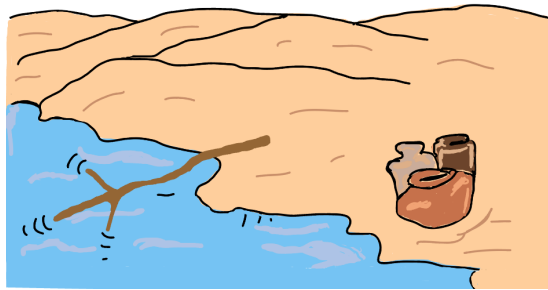
~ Focus Passages of Scripture ~

Exodus 15:22-27

In Exodus 15:22-27 we learn that after God totally defeated Pharaoh and his army at the Red Sea, He safely led the Children of Yisra'el from the Wilderness of the Red Sea to the Wilderness of Shur. This was a three day journey, and they found no water to drink along the way. It is important to remember that the number three in Scripture means testing, proving, documenting or revealing.

After traveling three days, they came to a place that had water. The place was called Marah, which means bitter, and they could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter. Without water the people would die! They complained to Moshe asking, "What shall we drink?" They cried out to God realizing that they needed salvation. The LORD God instructed Moshe to take a tree and cast it into the water. The LORD revealed that the only way to avoid death and live was determined by Him! Placing a tree in the bitter water to make it sweet did not make sense to the people, but they had to obey the voice of God to receive life giving water.

At Marah, a place of
or judgment for His redeemed



bitterness, God revealed this statute
people and made this promise to them:

"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD Who heals you." Exodus 15:26

These events are documented in Scripture to teach us that it is only God Who determines the way to receive life! God alone can give water to all those who are thirsty, and He is the Only One Who can reveal the tree of life to those who are willing to agree with Him and heed His voice. When a person relies on the only source provided by God for life, they are protected from His judgment and receive healing from Him. The LORD requires that all those who have been redeemed by Him trust Him and obey His commands!

Once God had revealed this spiritual law to the Children of Yisra'el, He led them to a place of blessing, healing and restoration. He led them to Elim where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees. Remember the number twelve in Scripture relates to the Children of Yisra'el or the people of God. The number seven means rest, holy or set apart for a purpose, and the number ten means complete. The redeemed people of God are completely set apart to obey Him and rest in Him. There is blessing, protection and restoration available for the people of God when they are careful to heed His voice and obey His commands.

Exodus 16:1-29

In Exodus 16:1-3 we learn that the whole congregation of the Children of Yisra'el traveled from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai. They arrived at the Wilderness of Sin on the fifteenth day of the second month, exactly one month after they came out of Egypt. The wilderness is a place where one must completely depend on God for protection and provision because the land is harsh with no natural resources. The entire congregation of people who had been redeemed by the LORD began to complain against Moshe and Aharon (Aaron) about the harsh wilderness conditions and lack of food with statements like this:

**“Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,
when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full!**

For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Exodus 16:3

In Exodus 16:4-12 we learn that the LORD responded to the people's complaints in a very miraculous way. He spoke to Moshe and informed him that He would rain down bread from the heavens for the people to gather and consume to sustain them while they were in the wilderness. Did you know that the wilderness is symbolic of the world?

The LORD said He would test His people to see if they would walk in His Torah, or instruction. He instructed them to gather a certain amount of the bread from heaven each day, but on the sixth day of the week He instructed them to gather twice as much in preparation for the seventh day. The seventh day of the week, or the Sabbath, has represented resting in God and His Kingdom since the time of creation. With this instruction the LORD tested the Children of Yisra'el to see if they would make preparations on the sixth day to rest with Him on the Sabbath of every week.

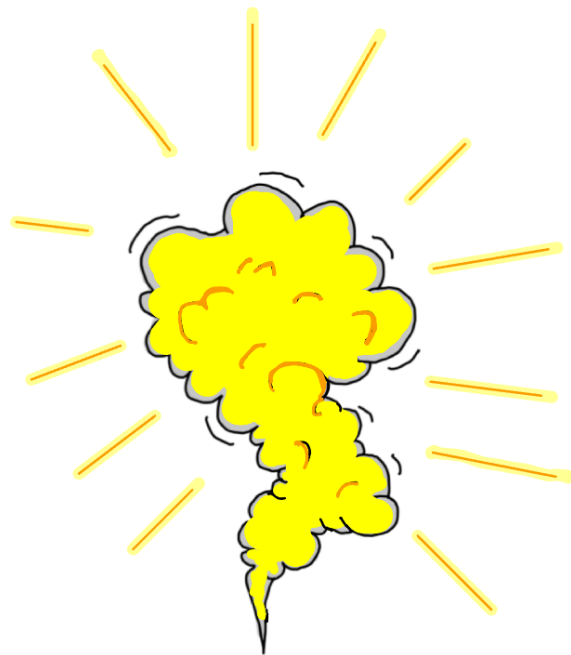
That evening Moshe and Aharon informed the whole congregation that they would know it was the LORD Who had brought them out of Egypt Who provided food for them, and in the morning they would see the glory of the LORD. When these things happened, the people realized that their complaints about their circumstances had not been against Moshe, but against the LORD God Who had redeemed them!

Aharon commanded the whole congregation of the Children of Yisra'el to turn toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in a cloud. All the people heard the LORD speak these words:

“I have heard the complaining of the Children of Yisra'el. Speak to them, saying, “At twilight they shall eat meat, and in the morning they shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”

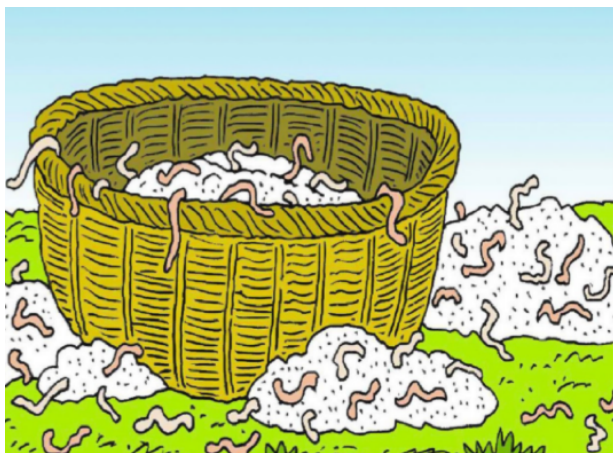
Exodus 16:2

When the redeemed people of God cry out to Him because they have a need and He fulfills their need, it is very important to know and acknowledge that it is the LORD Who has answered their prayer!



In Exodus 16:13-27 we learn that it was only after the Children of Yisra'el turned toward the wilderness, a place of complete dependence on the LORD, that He revealed Himself to them. At evening the LORD brought quails, which covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew fell from heaven. When the dew lifted, there was a new substance on the ground that they had never seen before. When the Children of Yisra'el saw it, they said "mahn" or "What is it?"

Moshe explained to the people that this was the bread from heaven to sustain them every day while they were in the wilderness. He gave them the LORD's instruction to gather it each morning according to each person's need. One omer was to be gathered for each person in every tent. An omer is a unit of measure that equals approximately ten cups or one-tenth of an ephah. This amount of mahn would provide plenty for the one who needed little as well as for the one who needed much. Moshe continued to give the LORD's instruction concerning the gathering of the bread from



heaven. He told the people not to let any remain until the next morning. However, some of the people left part of the bread until the morning, and it had worms in it and it stank! When the people disobeyed the LORD's instruction they suffered the consequences. They learned to gather the bread every morning because when the sun became hot it melted away. By these things the LORD taught the importance of heeding His voice and living by His perfect order!

On the sixth day God instructed them to gather two omers or enough for two days. He instructed them to prepare the extra omer and save it to be eaten on the seventh day. Moshe repeated these words from the LORD to the people:

**"Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD.
Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil;
and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning."** Exodus 16:23

The people who obeyed the voice of the LORD gathered a double portion on the sixth day. They prepared it and saved it to be eaten on the Sabbath, just as the LORD commanded. These people were blessed by the LORD, and they had plenty to eat on the seventh day because the bread they saved did not have any worms in it nor did it stink! However, the people who had previously disobeyed the LORD's instruction by gathering more than they were commanded and saving it until the next morning were reluctant to obey these instructions of God. They went out to gather it on the Sabbath, but they did not find any!



When the LORD saw the people's disobedience to His commands He spoke these words to Moshe:

**“How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?
See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath;
therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days.
Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.”**

Exodus 16:28-29



In the beginning when God had finished creating all things, He rested on the seventh day, which is called the Sabbath meaning rest. When God set the weekly Sabbath apart for the purpose of rest, revelation and restoration, He established His perfect order over His creation. Because He is the Only God Who created all things, it is very important that all those who have been redeemed by Him submit to, or live by, His perfect order.

God commands all those who have been redeemed by Him to rest and remain in their place on the weekly Sabbath. The LORD provides for every need of His people when they obey Him and live according to His order. When we rest on the weekly Sabbath and remain in our place, we testify to God and others that we are resting and trusting in the LORD God Who created all things, and Who reveals Himself to and restores His people!

Exodus 17:1-16

In Exodus 17:1-7 we learn that after the LORD taught His people the importance of following His order, He led them from the Wilderness of Sin to Rephidim. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for them to drink. This was an opportunity for the people to have faith in the LORD and pray to Him for help. However, the people did not have faith in the LORD, instead they turned to Moshe with their complaints. They argued with Moshe, saying these words to him:

“Give us water, that we may drink.” Exodus 17:2

**“Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt,
to kill me and my children and my livestock with thirst?”** Exodus 17:3

Moshe responded to them by asking why they were arguing with him and why they chose to tempt the LORD with their lack of faith. Moshe prayed to the LORD asking what he should do with this people because they were ready to kill him with stones!

The LORD answered Moshe's prayer. He told him to pass before the people, taking the elders of Yisra'el with Him. He also told him to take the staff with which he had struck the river Nile. The LORD told him He was standing before him on the rock at Horeb, or Sinai. He told Moshe to strike the rock, and life giving water would come out of the rock for the people to drink. Moshe obeyed the LORD and did everything He commanded him to do in the sight of the elders.

Moshe called the place Meribah which means to be tested for a purpose. The Children of Yisra'el had been tested by the LORD, and they failed His test! They did not believe in or have faith in the LORD, and they doubted His ability to provide for their needs. They tempted the LORD by saying:

"Is the LORD among us or not?" Exodus 17:7

This lack of faith in the LORD allowed the enemy, Amalek, to attack the people while they were camped at Rephidim. Amalek was against the plans and purposes of God just as his ancestor Esau had been. In Exodus 17:9-10 we learn that Moshe demonstrated great faith in the LORD! He told Y'hoshua (Joshua) to choose men and go out to fight Amalek. He also told Y'hoshua that he would stand on the top of the hill holding the staff of God in his hand during the battle. Y'hoshua did as Moshe commanded him, and Moshe, Aharon and Hur went up on the top of the hill together carrying the staff of the LORD.

In Exodus 17:11-13 we learn that whenever Moshe lifted his hands in prayer to the LORD, Yisra'el received power in the battle. But when he stopped praying and lowered his hands, Amalek was more powerful. When the men realized the significance of their faith demonstrated through consistent prayer, they took a rock and set it under Moshe. They joined their hands with Moshe, lifting them in prayer to the LORD until the end of the day. With one man on either side of Moshe and with their hands lifted in prayer to the LORD, the men physically demonstrated their faith. They testified that only the LORD can defeat the enemy! Their faith in the LORD gave power to Yehoshua and his men, allowing them to win the battle that day! This event taught the redeemed people of God that resting in the LORD demonstrated through consistent prayer is the proper way to worship God! Only when the people of God place their faith and trust in the LORD can the enemy be defeated. Improper worship due to a lack of faith in the LORD gives power to the enemy and allows him to win the battle.

In Exodus 17:14-16 we learn that the LORD commanded Moshe to write in the book and repeat to Yehoshua these words from the LORD:

"I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Exodus 17:14

Moshe built an altar at Rephidim and named it "The LORD is my Banner," giving the LORD all the credit for defeating the enemy. It is important for the redeemed people of God to understand that although evil will exist in every generation, we can have power over the enemy through proper worship. When God's chosen people have been redeemed and trust only in Him, He will wipe away the memory of Amalek. He will do this before He establishes His Kingdom on earth!



The LORD is my Banner



Directions: Draw a line connecting every word or phrase with the appropriate word in the middle column.

Victory

70 palm trees

Wilderness

Bread from heaven

Complete dependence on God

What is it?

Red Sea

Water by striking the Rock

Marah

Bitter water

A new song

Proper worship

Elim

12 springs of water

Tree of Life

Place of restoration, healing and blessing

Rephidim

Three day journey from the Red Sea

The world

Tested for a purpose

Meribah

The Lord is my Banner

Manhu

Haftarah

Judges 4:4-5:31



After Y'hoshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, had successfully led the Children of Yisra'el into the Promised Land, he died at the age of 110 years old. Following his death the next generation of the Children of Yisra'el, who had been redeemed by God and given victory over the enemies of God, began to do what was right in their eyes instead of heeding the voice of the LORD. This rebellious behavior of the next generation resulted in God's discipline of His people. God used the surrounding nations to oppress His people. However, when the people agreed with God and returned to Him, God raised up judges to deliver them from His enemies. This period of time is often called the Time of the Judges. Seven complete cycles of rebellion, oppression and deliverance occurred during the Time of the Judges. God raised up a total of seventeen judges during this period of wilderness experiences and testing from the LORD.

In today's Haftarah God raised up a prophetess named D'vorah (Deborah) as the judge to deliver the Children of Yisra'el from Jabin, the king of Canaan, who had oppressed them for twenty years. Sisera was the commander of king Jabin's vast army, which had nine hundred chariots of iron!

D'vorah would sit under the Palm Tree of D'vorah as the Children of Yisra'el came to her for judgment. One day she sent for Barak from the tribe of Naphtali and commanded him to take ten thousand men from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun to fight against Sisera and his multitude of men and army of chariots. The LORD God had commanded this war and would deliver Sisera into Barak's hand giving him victory over the enemy. However, Barak stated he would not go unless D'vorah went with him. D'vorah agreed to go with Barak but declared that Barak would receive no glory for this victory because the LORD would give the victory to her, a woman, instead.

When Sisera heard that the Yisra'elites were coming out to fight the Canaanites he gathered all his chariots and all the people who were with him to wage war against them. Then D'vorah spoke these words to Barak:

"Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand.

Has not the LORD gone out before you?"

So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

Judges 4:14

That day the LORD defeated Sisera's men and his chariots until no man remained alive except Sisera, who fled from his chariot on foot. He ran to the tent of Ya'el (Jael), a Kenite woman whose nation was at peace with the Canaanites at that time. Ya'el saw Sisera fleeing on foot and invited him into her tent for safety. She pretended to be his ally and covered him with a blanket. When he asked for a drink of water she gave him milk to drink as if she honored him. However, when he was sound asleep she drove a tent peg through the temple of his head to the ground, killing him!

As Barak continued to pursue Sisera, Ya'el went out to meet him. She informed him of how God had given her the glory for killing the enemy. Just as D'vorah had declared, Barak would receive no glory because he refused to go out and fight unless D'vorah went with him. All who demonstrate they agree with God and have faith in Him to defeat the enemy are rewarded by Him no matter who they are.

D'vorah's faith in the LORD gave power to Barak and his men to defeat Sisera, just as the faith of Moshe, Aharon and Hur had given power to Y'hoshua and his army against the Amalekites many years before. The LORD God is perfect and does not change! He never leaves His redeemed people. He leads them to wilderness experiences to teach them to rely on Him. He teaches them to follow His perfect order to receive His provision for all their needs. When they do not follow His order He disciplines them for their own good. He tests them to see if they will have faith in Him during the attacks of the enemy, and He rewards those who properly worship Him and give Him the glory for their victory!

Following this victory the Children of Yisra'el grew stronger and stronger against Jabin, the king of Canaan, until they completely destroyed him! When the enemies of God had been destroyed D'vorah and Barak sang a song of victory. This song was a song of praise and thanksgiving not only for the LORD's victory over Jabin but over His future victory at the end of days. The LORD God will return in the future to completely destroy His enemies! He will go out from Mount Sier in Edom, and defeat all the descendants of Esau and those joined with him who have a spirit rooted in Amalek. For the LORD has said these words:

"I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." Exodus 17:14

When the LORD returns to do what He has sworn to do, all people will know that He defends all those who have faith in Him and proclaim that He is their Banner!



New Testament

John 6:22-40

I Corinthians 11:29-30



In chapter six of the book of John we learn that the time of Passover was near. A great multitude of people had followed Yeshua because of the signs they saw Him perform. This was very similar to the great multitude that followed Moshe out of Egypt after seeing the great signs he performed. The multitude that followed Messiah Yeshua also became hungry, and Yeshua the One and Only Son of God, gave thanks to God in heaven and fed 5000 people with only 5 barley loaves of bread and two small fish. The people understood that this miracle confirmed He was the Prophet Who had to come into the world to save the Children of Yisra'el from their enemies. Knowing that the people intended to take Him by force to make Him King, Yeshua went to a mountain alone. The following day the people searched for Him and found Him in K'far-Nachum (Capernaum).

The people believed in the writings of Moshe but they did not understand that everything Moshe wrote concerned Messiah Yeshua. Yeshua spoke to the people explaining the Scriptures to them. He told them not to labor for food that perishes. They could now fully understand this truth taught initially through Moshe. The Children of Yisra'el who failed to trust and obey the voice of the LORD in the wilderness had labored for food that perished the following day. The mahn had worms in it and stank because the people were working in their own strength and determination instead of by the order of the LORD. It is only when we follow the order of God through the way He has determined that our labor has any eternal value. To receive eternal life people must agree with the way God has determined to give it! Father God has determined that the Only Way to receive everlasting life in His Kingdom is to believe in His One and Only Son, Messiah Yeshua, Who He sent from heaven to earth to redeem the world.

The people asked Yeshua what they should do in order to please God and receive eternal life. Yeshua answered speaking these words to them:

“This is the work of God, that you believe in Him Whom He sent.” John 6:29

In order to receive all the blessings that the Father desires to give us we must agree with Him and believe in the One the Father has determined to offer salvation through. When a person is careful to heed the voice of the LORD God by believing in His One and Only Son, Messiah Yeshua, that person will receive eternal life and all the blessings of God. That person will escape the judgment of God which results in death, because they have trusted the **LORD** Who heals!

The people continued to lack faith and asked Yeshua what sign He would perform for them to see and believe. They asked what work He would do because their fathers had eaten the manna in the wilderness. Yeshua replied speaking these words to them:

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, Moshe did not give you the bread from heaven,
but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”**

John 6:32-33

Then they said to Yeshua, “LORD give us this bread always.” Yeshua responded to them speaking these words:

**“I am the bread of life.
He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.
All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
This is the will of the Father who sent Me,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life;
and I will raise him up at the last day.”**

John 6:35-40

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

In chapter eleven of 1 Corinthians the Apostle Paul spoke to the assembly of believers in Messiah Yeshua at Corinth. Paul reminded the people that because God the Father sent Messiah Yeshua from heaven to earth to give life to all those who believe in Him, He is the living bread from heaven! He taught them that because Messiah Yeshua had given His Body as a sacrifice for them and shed His Blood on the tree to ratify the New Covenant with them, they should come together at Passover each year to commemorate His Work of Redemption for the world. Paul explained the importance of coming together with the correct intention and the dangers of participating in the commemorative service for any purpose other than proclaiming the LORD Messiah Yeshua's death until He returns to defeat the enemies God and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth.

Just as the LORD proclaimed to the Children of Yisra'el at Marah it is very important today for the redeemed people of God to diligently heed His voice in order to avoid His discipline through disease. Due to a lack of obedience to follow the order of God today many within the body of believers are weak, sick and die.



Recap Review Test

Directions: Fill in the blank using the correct word from the word bank below.

1. The only way to avoid death and live is determined by _____.
2. When a person relies on the only source provided by God for life, they can escape His _____, and be _____ by Him.
3. A person who has been redeemed from death to life by God must learn to trust and _____ Him.
4. God's greatest desire is to _____ His people.
5. The wilderness, or the world, is a place where one must _____ completely on God for all things.
6. When we do not obey the LORD's instruction, or Torah, we are _____ against Him.
7. Once a person has been redeemed by God it is very important to follow His _____.
8. When we depend completely on God, He _____ Himself to us and provides for our _____.
9. When we _____ on the weekly Sabbath and _____ in our place, we testify to the world that the LORD is the Only God Who created all things.
10. When God leads us to a wilderness experience, it is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our _____ in Him.
11. When we lack faith in God we give _____ to the enemy.
12. When we _____ God properly, He gives us _____ over the enemy.
13. Our labor, or work, only has _____ value when we follow God's order through the Way He determined.
14. Believing in Messiah _____ is the Only Way to receive eternal life.

Word Bank

Power

God

Depend

Faith

Healed

Rest

Sinning

Order

Judgment

Needs

Bless

Obey

Reveals

Yeshua

Worship

Eternal

Victory

Stay



