

Shalom from the Holy Land!

Fall 2010

Summer sped by without war for, which every Israeli is grateful. With relief we enter the fall season and get ready for the Feast of Trumpets, (New Year) The Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles!

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Once again our fields are yielding their bountiful produce. It has been a drought year, but we have survived because of the (humble) dew drops every night. The mystery of dew is found in the millions of water droplets that keep the land nourished by the light of the moon. Jay and I often say we live by the dew drops! Nothing as mighty as a financial river flow, nor a trickle of a stream sustains us. But simply by the little life giving dew drops from the good hands of those who appreciate our God, our work, the poor of the earth and Israel. Thank you for being part of that gentle, continuous, quiet loving supply.

It was the Pilgrim Fathers of America who took the pattern from the Bible and first celebrated Thanksgiving on Virginian soil. Spiritually and naturally in Israel it is harvest time the season of fulfillment. The final harvest of the year is being brought in, then great joy breaks out! The wine vats overflow and we worship, praise, dance and laugh at the goodness of our God! I believe Israel stands unique in these celebrations of joy and thanksgiving. It is not a natural response when one is pressed in on every side by those who want us to disappear. But we are looking higher than the neighbors! The more we rejoice and prosper the more devious their lies and schemes are spawned worldwide. Yes it is a dangerous world out there for us all, a jungle in fact! But we have 4,000 years of experience learning how to 'tabernacle' with our Creator. He alone will guide our feet into His paths of peace. He alone has the words of life! I would love you to enjoy the privilege of a visit to Israel this season.

On New Year's eve September 8th 2010/Tishri 5071, the shofars will sound at sunset ushering in the *Feast of Trumpets*. Over dinner, parents take their God-given responsibility and annul any foolish vows that they and or their children may have made during the last year. Fathers and Mothers cover their families as the LORD covers us. This September 18th we observe *Yom Kippur* also known as *The Day of Atonement*. The entire nation of Israel, observant and non-religious come to a halt. (except for medical or security issues.) Of course, not all participate in the total fast of no food or water, but most are respectful and all are quiet. It is a day set down in the Bible for Israel to come before God. We face up to past failures corporately and individually. This is a yearly event, and how good it is for each one of us to spend time taking stock and seeking the LORD. The gates of mercy are kept open through our personal repentance. ***"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."*** Jer.29:13

Immanuel...God with us

One of the 'feasts of the LORD' is The Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot, when every Jewish family who can, will build a little booth. Our grandchildren help us cut the branches of the palm, myrtle, willow and others and lay them on the roof of our little booth so we can see the stars at night and remember God's promises to Father Abraham and us all. The names of our Fathers and Mothers of faith; Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel and Leah, Joseph and David, are written on the cloth walls of the sukkah/booth. This humble abode is where all of the action takes place for the next 8 days. This is where we eat, socialize and sleep. It is a virtual 'feast of faith and thanksgiving', a Hebrews 11 'show and tell', set out for all to experience. It reminds us that we are seeking a city whose builder and maker is God... The Dads take turns sleeping with the children in the sukkah and surrounding tents, which hold the overflow.

The Season of Sorry... *"The essence of selfishness is self-absorption and no one is ever entirely free of it. Sin will always be appealing and humility is always appropriate."* Larry J Crabb Jr.

Before the above glorious celebrations, there must be a time of 'cleaning house'. The hoped for result will be dealing with selfish words and actions. It is not enough to whisper "Sorry LORD", one has to also make it right with the person who is the source of our antagonism. That is the hard part. You are qualified to speak hard words to another only after you have spoken hard words to yourself.

Humility

There is a secret in humility. Lets explore/discover what it is. Here is a word picture...

"The heel of the foot, designed to bear the weight of the body represents humility. It always follows the toes, the rest of the foot and body. Since it does not initiate action, it does not run the risk of arrogance."

Humility

How would you describe the character quality of humility? Is it making a conscious choice to respect our Maker first and then others? Does it take childish trust or child-like trust? Can I allow myself to trust in His goodness? Am I afraid of what He may ask me to do? Can I think lovingly of God, highly of others and soberly of myself? Big question! Are humility and obedience character quality twins? Is my personal life a reflection of my nation or the Kingdom of Heaven? We have to bring it down here to the earth? To the 'success-driven' is not only a foreign concept but a scorned one. Humility will keep us back from the deadly yoke of arrogance and pride. We understand from scripture that Satan fell because 'pride' was found in him. On the other hand, Moses was described as the meekest man on the face of the earth. David penned, 'I have come to do your will O God...' and Jesus said, "Your Will be done!" The pattern set for us is one of obeying the Almighty, lying low until we are raised up. What do you say?

I want to examine the word 'humility'. Why do so many of us stumble and fall into obvious and not so obvious pits? Our nations do the same. Let's take a step back for a moment. I think humility is all about perception and obedience. It has nothing to do with what we own or how we look. No, many of the great heroes of the Bible and history were rich... others were poor, but they all lived by the secret wisdom of true humility. It is a choice. Our attitudes are formed from the choices we make. Humility is an attitude to choose to trust in our Redeemer!

If we can get a hold of God's principal of sowing and reaping: the very foundation of every single harvest world wide is a principal that every farmer knows perfectly. It was a known teaching of the Rabbis and Jesus used this illustration to teach us the profundity of a spiritual rebirth found in John 12:24. **"Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it remains alone; but if it dies it produces much grain."** You see, God knows what He can accomplish with the seed of our lives. We were Created in love to flourish, IF we allow Him to plant us and cover us over in His divine order, no matter how unfair it was of Him to place us in our birth family, He makes no mistakes. He will create new creations of our lives IF we work with Him. But we live in a godless world, a fallen world. Just consider the tragic dried up, sickened, drought ridden wheat fields of Russia today. Disaster is knocking at the door also in Pakistan and China and on the Gulf States of the US.

The Heavy Brass Door...my thoughts and emotions

Sin simply means "missing the mark". It is the Spirit of Truth that gives me the ability to discern the state of my own door or heart. I see the human heart, hardened by deceit: lying to oneself! Like a brass door, locked shut it cannot be moved by the needs of others. Don't we all feel this hardness at times? Job came to this conclusion: **"Though He slay me yet will I trust him."** Job 13:15.

We sense the blanket of pernicious spiritual anemia that troubles all people, unbelievers and yes... believers alike. The divorce rates are equal in both groups. Porn, statistics tell us 50% of Christian men and 34% of Christian women log on regularly. Their children now get the first look at age 11. This cess pool of twisted sex mirrors one as 'needy, lacking' and 'wanting'! The unhealthy lust filled appetite is a Destroyer.

There are valid reasons that many hearts are as hard as brass. The hardness begins Imperceptibly. At first, we begin to lose our God-given sense of value and significance? We wonder why our children and our nations are spinning out of control? Why are so many spiritually orphaned? They have not turned to the Living God. **He has not left them but many of them have left Him, His Word and His ways.** No wonder hungry Christians are flocking into Jerusalem at this time to "come and see" and slake their thirst with an experience in the richness of their roots in the "olive tree".

Stop the cycle, I want out!

How often have I told others what to do and how... when all the while it is 'I' who stand first in need of change. Remember, 'I' cannot change anyone else. Change begins inside of me. No it isn't easy. Victory comes slowly. I can't tell you what others do. I have to stay honest and work to acknowledge my 'bad attitude' when it crops up. It really helps to have a best friend to speak with. One you can trust. Jay, my husband is my best friend. Through repentance I resist it and insist on change of my self. With honest discernment and God's infinite mercy, the brass door in my life, turns to flesh. I chose to retreat into God's mercy and truth. I choose to repent. Relief can be instant and mercy flows. I know I have been heard! But, I have to work to keep "the mad dog of irritating thoughts always in attack mode" far far away. Our minds are the targets of course. I don't ignore those thoughts, at the first hint, I forbid them! The next step is to control you mouth or hands or eyes, whatever causes you to sin. Then do something kind for those who are ugly to you. This is where the 'rubber hits the road'. This is the real test of our freedom! We need a brain transplant daily.

Hold Tight to YOUR Hard Won Victories:

The honest resolve to change and keep on changing opens the realm of the supernatural to us. If we do it in the weakness of humility. We will get help. If we go through the motions in our own strength we come to nothing but frustration. The key to unlock this brass door is 'repentance' an amazing grace that can usher you and I into the Presence of the King of Kings. He alone absolves our sins and iniquities. "Let the mind of the Messiah dwell in you in all richness." the Word says, keep drinking from His eternal springs.

"IF you call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to each one's work, pass your time of journeying here in fear." 1 Peter 1:17

*"You will hide me in the **secret of Your presence,** from the pride (plots) of men; you will keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues."* Psalm 31:20

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Psalm 91:1

Now, beloved we have been bathed internally, now let's prepare for the Great Feast!

Historical Panorama

For the remainder of my letter I want to focus on the world situation and prayer also mention our part. Can you see the unseen Hand of the God of history bringing His eternal covenants given to the nation of Israel into fruition? Who is happy about it other than Jews who know their God in Covenant and Christians who know their Bibles? Our friend and doctor, Ohad laughed with pure joy recently. Why? Because as he said with a lilt in his voice and twinkle in his eye, "Meshiach **IS** coming to Jerusalem!!!" Why do you think the nations are raging against Israel? Every propaganda scheme imaginable is being shot into the earth like poisonous darts to murder our name? But wait... *Jerusalem, City of Peace* and *Israel, Prince with God...* were all names that came down from heaven. So WHOSE NAME is really under attack here? Why do you think Jerusalem is "up for grabs"? Why the incessant push for an illusive peace? Why do the heathen rage and imagine a vain thing?

United Nations: Have you noticed how the head of the UN is now seen moving among the nations. He is becoming the conscience of the nations, the 'one who cares and can bring relief'. We are moving into a one world government very quickly. No one really knows how many souls have been snuffed out in China and Pakistan. Man's greed had a hand in these disasters. Russia could face a famine, with failed wheat crops, all grain must be kept within the country for bread. Hundreds of fires continue to destroy untold numbers of miles of virgin forest, eat up villages kill people and pollute the air.

Middle East: Israel, the Middle East, Europe, Asia and America...all Nations are in distress. These are the 'birth pangs' of the coming of Messiah, written about in my last letter. (available on: stillsmallvoice.tv) The "flotilla" noise against Israel instigated by Turkey, who looks up to Iran is to meant to antagonize Israel first. It is also a smoke screen for what is really taking place behind the scenes in this part of the world!

War in Afghanistan: America is pulling out of Afghanistan, Taliban country... but will they change their mind now that huge caches of oil and diamonds have been discovered worth an estimated 500 trillion dollars?

The Prince of Persia: The noose is tightening around Israel with rockets from Gaza this summer, rockets shot by Al Queda located in Sinai Egypt were lobbed into Eilat and Akaba Jordan recently. One of our IDF officers was purposefully shot to death by a sniper from just inside of Lebanon. Our soldiers were on Israeli soil at the time. These are all provocations from big bullies trying to pick a fight. We need God's wisdom and timing. Iran waits for the time to strike and gobble up the surrounding nations. This voracious appetite for power and control will eat it's way into Iraq, a bitter enemy. Just 2 decades ago 1 million of their sons were slaughtered in war. Syria, Lebanon and Gaza are already puppets of Iran. What will keep Jordan from also being swallowed whole by this snake? Israel is in their "cross hairs" for destruction.

Your Call to Prayer

"I said, My LORD, what will be the outcome of these things?"

"He said: "Go Daniel, for these words are secret and sealed to the time of the end. Many will be purified and purged and refined, the wicked will act wickedly and none of the wicked will understand, but the knowledgeable will understand... But you go on to the end, you shall rest and rise to your destiny at the end of days." Daniel 11:8-13 The Tanakh

Your Call to Prayer

- Do not waste the precious time given you. You can never recover it. Time is God's gift to you, spend it as wisely as you would pure gold. Do the same with your own health.
- Hate no man. You are not wrestling against flesh and blood. You are never permitted to hate any soul, created in God's image. Hate evil and forbid it. Matthew 16:19.
- Pray in your prayer language, tap into the mind of the Spirit of God.
- Pray for the leaders of your nation and for Israel.
- Ask for the Spirit of God to visit hungry souls in the Muslim world. The times of the Gentiles is closing.
- Call for the Messiah to come! You are chosen to be alive at this time in history. Psalm 102:18 should read, "This is written for the LAST generation."

"The Messiah will slay him with the breath of His mouth and bring him to an end at His appearing at His coming." 2 Thessalonians 2: 8 (Amplified Bible)

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"But the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits!" Daniel 11:32 The Spirit Filled Bible.

"We continue to hold up a banner in the Name of the LORD and create borders against the enemy. We pray to be part of the company of those who do exploits"!

Here are the latest productions of IsraelVisionTV.

ZAKA mercy and loving kindness

This TV commercial film has been 15 months in the studio and hundreds of hours in it's creation. It is finally complete for release. Believe with us for the financial release due us for the hard work.

Holocaust Film:

Yad va Shem is the world's center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust. *Yad va Shem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heros Remembrance Authority*; chose *IsraelVision TV* to create a 'first-ever' film, which is designed to give all people, especially Christians the *opportunity to support their mandate*. This film features the work of the department of *Christian Friends of Yad va Shem*, who are instituting a regular course/work shop for Christian leaders worldwide. This latest film in the making will be added to our Library of 30 professional broadcast quality promotionals, produced for worthy causes in Israel. They stand along side of 90 documentaries and hundreds of TV programs from Israel. We are honored to say, "never again". Go online and tell your computer buff friends about our work. Share the good news!

Sexual Abuse Film:

Our team are also editing my latest seminar *Healing for the Family*. I specialize in the areas of sexual abuse including private interviews with a few of my clients; only with their permission.

We have also completed *Small Talk*. This power point of poignant images and appropriate commentary is designed for children of all ages. It addresses the issues most of us never speak of. Every time I show it, lives are changed. We are creating these educational tools in DVD format for the world. You will be able to order them from our website by using the Pay/Pal information, or by letter.

In closing: I received this quote "*You take us out of all the darkness, because you love us so much.*" Marion from Norway. **Thank you for reading to this point. Your prayers and support keep us working. We love what we do and we thank each friend for hearing the precious Still Small Voice.**

"To this person I will look, even to the one that is poor and of a contrite spirit..." Isaiah 66:2

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