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Truth & Freedom

As the world anxiously kept its eye on current events, the American President gave a State of the Union speech about freedom. He enumerated four of what he thought to be basic freedoms which should be available to all people everywhere – freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from fear and freedom from want. The year was 1941, and President Roosevelt was laying the groundwork for another possible American defense of freedom. Of course, by the end of that year, the attack on Pearl Harbor had occurred and America found itself immersed in World War II – fighting to preserve freedom in the face of worldwide hegemony by the Axis Powers. Freedom is indeed a precious commodity and one worth fighting for. But from where does freedom really come?

Well, the Bible has this to say. Jesus said, “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32) Think about it ... essentially, freedom comes from believing and applying biblical truth!

Indeed, in his message, President Roosevelt was drawing upon the legacy of freedom growing out of a Judeo-Christian culture based on biblical law and the gospel of Jesus Christ. American society and government, like no other before it, had enabled a free society with a just legal system as well as checks and balances against the abuse of power – and Roosevelt was reminding people of how such freedom comes with responsibility.

Other countries have taken note of the biblical basis for freedom. In the center of the Coat of Arms in the middle of the flag of the Dominican Republic is a Bible with a golden cross above it. The colors of the flag are red, white and blue – representing blood, salvation and liberty, respectively. This is because, as history tells us, Juan Pablo Duarte – a founding father of that country who designed its flag – was inspired in his design by the John 8:31-32 scripture above, which, in principle, says to continue in God’s word so that you can know the truth so that you can be free!

The converse understanding of this principle is that if we stray from what the Bible teaches, we will find ourselves believing lies, and we will lose freedoms. We will be bound by chains of darkness and false philosophy – unable to discern right from wrong and, therefore, under the control of those who hate God. Satan, in fact, is described in Revelation 12:9 as the one who “deceiveth the whole world.” And Jesus, having explained the source of truth and freedom, gets to this point a little later in the same chapter of John where He says, “...he (the devil) is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44)

To believe evolution is to believe a lie simply because it runs contrary to biblical truth! And while there are many false ideas that many Christians accept to one degree or another, believing the lies of our spiritual adversary has serious consequences because they can bring us into bondage to spiritual wickedness – whether that be on a personal level or on a community level.

For example, on a personal level, do we believe lies such as “I am rejected and unloved” or “I must continue to be ashamed of myself” or “I must hold on to the hurt and bitterness”? And on a group level, do we believe the lies, subtle and not-so-subtle, which grow out of an evolutionary worldview – such as the progressive, humanist and Marxist ideas which have penetrated modern culture, including “evolved” ideas about sex and marriage

In every case where we buy into the enemy’s lies, we lose various degrees of the freedom God desires for us. As Christians, we have the ability to move into ever-increasing degrees of freedom through God’s power in our lives. We can experience a few degrees of freedom in Christ or we can experience many degrees of freedom.

And as we see from the Scriptures, that freedom is founded in truth – the truth of God’s

Word, which is to be believed and followed. Christians are disciples of Jesus, which means we follow after Him. Thus, we follow the principles of forgiveness and love and prayer and faith and hope and righteousness and repentance. And many times we must confess and repent of believing the lies of the enemy. This is the path to healing, both individually and corporately – because these principles are spiritually powerful! And as we have discussed many times in these letters, spiritual reality transcends the material world as a higher reality – both scientifically and biblically.

Indeed, the Bible tells us: “The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God...” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

During Roosevelt’s 1941 State of the Union speech on the brink of World War II, he said this: “As men do not live by bread alone, they do not fight by armaments alone.” I love the spiritual truth present in that famous statement.

Yours in Christ,
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Today's Daily Bread... *Language*

Now that opens a whole lot of doors doesn't is. However we are not talking about our native language, our second or third language, or even our prayer language we will be talking about foul language that comes from our mouths. Yes, we all use it hopefully not all the time but we all must admit we have our slips and falls. When we do, do we ask for forgiveness right away, we had better but sometimes we don't do we. Let's look at what God's Word has to say about the proverbial "Four Letter Words".

Exodus 20:7 (KJV)

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Colossians 3:8 (KJV)

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Matthew 15:10 - 15:11 (KJV)

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

James 3:6 - 3:8 (KJV)

6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; [it is] an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

There are just so many scriptures on this subject I have just touched on the tip of the iceberg here. I have an inclining that Father put this subject on my heart because of something one of my everyday readers posted on another post I had made. I believe that Father wanted to remind us of what others think of the cussing Christian! Just a wakeup call for us to keep our tongues in check as we speak. I will close with a few more scriptures on how God looks down upon us when don't use our tongue as He has told us to.

[Ephesians 5:4 \(KJV\)](#)

Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

[Proverbs 21:23 \(KJV\)](#)

Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

[Romans 12:2 \(KJV\)](#)

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.

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BEING ELDERLY

Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. *'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?'* he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure..'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it..'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, *'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'*

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, *'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'*

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, *'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly..'*

The other man said, *'What is the name of the restaurant?'*

The first man thought and thought and finally said, *'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?' You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'*

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, *'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'*

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"The world is changed by your example, not your opinion". Paulo Coelho

"Hope is seeing a light at the end of the tunnel; faith is believing it is not a train."

*"God found Gideon in a hole, Joseph in a prison, Daniel in a lion's den. Next time you feel unqualified to be used by God, remember; He tends to recruit from the pit, not the pedestal."
Jon Acuff*

The Completed Jews Corner;

Rosh Hashanah- HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello everyone L'shanah tovah or in English May it be a good year!

At this time of the year there is a lot of celebrating and mixed in is a serious Yom Tov (holiday) This Yom Tov starts off the New Year biblical year -5777.

Rosh Hashanah occurs on the first and second days of T'ishri, which this year is sundown on October 2nd. In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, "head of the year" or "first of the year."

Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. But don't confuse this with the way the rest of the world goes crazy celebrating New Years in January.

Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the year, is spent mostly in synagogue. There is one similarity between the Jewish New Year and the secular one: Just like many of us use the New Year as a time to plan a better life, making "resolutions." Well, the Jewish New Year is also a time to begin introspection, looking back at the past year and examining yourself for mistakes personal, interpersonal and spiritual. So it is a time of resolutions just like we do.

The name "Rosh Hashanah" is not used in the Bible either when referring to this Yom Tov (holiday). The Bible refers to the holiday as Yom Ha-Zikkaron (the day of remembrance) or Yom Teruah (the day of the sounding of the shofar). The holiday is found in **Leviticus 23:24-25**.

The blowing of the shofar is an extremely important part of this holiday. We (believers in Yeshua) think of the blowing of the shofar as a sign that Yeshua Ha'Mashiach is coming soon. Well those of the Jewish faith see the blowing of the shofar as a sign that God is about to manifest Himself (hmmmm I see similarities). The shofar is a ram's horn, which is blown somewhat like a trumpet. Hey maybe I will do a little lesson on what makes an animals horn kosher for use as a shofar it is really interesting (at least to me)!!!!!!!!!!!!

One of the most important observances of this holiday is hearing the sounding of the shofar in the synagogue. A total of 100 notes are sounded each day. There are four different types of shofar notes: **tekiah**, a 3 second sustained note; **shevarim**, three 1-second notes rising in tone, **teruah**, a series of short, staccato notes extending over a period of about 3 seconds; and **tekiah gedolah** ("big tekiah"), the final blast in a set, which lasts about 10 seconds.

One of the very common customs during Rosh Hashanah is eating apples that you dip in honey. This symbolizes a sweet new year. (mmmm delicious!!!)

Another popular practice of the holiday is Tashlikh ("casting off"). This is not something I grew up doing but it is practiced at Kiryas Joel (where I work), and in other Orthodox and Ultraorthodox groups. They walk to some place where there is flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon

of the first day and empty their pockets into the river, symbolically casting off their sins. Small pieces of bread are often put in your pocket to use for cast off.

Tashlikh is typically done on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, before afternoon services. When the first day is on Shabbos (Saturday), then many synagogues observe Tashlikh on Sunday afternoon, to avoid carrying (the bread) on Shabbos. (But the allowing or rather **NOT** allowing carrying things on Shabbos is for another day.)

Well although I can obviously go on and get even more crazy detailed I will end by wishing you a happy and healthy sweet New Year *L'shanah tovah*

From the desk of one completed Jew

Robin (wife of GT) 2016



GOD SPEED YOU ALL!