

A LESSON FROM THE GRASS

As the springtime approaches, we begin to see buds on the trees and little plants poking up through the once frozen snow covered ground. It seems like they just grew out of the ground from nothing! Most of the time we did not plant any seed but yet now new plants and little blades of grass miraculously begin to appear. Yah has planted that seed and caused it to grow just as He sees fit for His purpose. For example, He uses new grass to cover and protect the ground from the harshness of the sun and wind. Some new trees bear fruit for us to eat while some bear flowers which feed birds and insects but all are beautiful to HIM.

Isaiah explains in the following passage how transient humanity is – here today and gone tomorrow – but all according to God’s plan!

Is 40:6-8 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."

Humans were likewise created by Yah for His purpose - holiness and righteousness. Righteousness relates having moral responsibility for our fellow man as seen in the 5th through the 10th Commandments; holiness relates to our responsibility to God as seen in the 1st through the 4th Commandments. However, even as He created poison ivy, a negative experience in most lives encountered through a bad choice, evils far worse than this exist in the world. We are to take off the “old filthy clothes” of an unconverted sinful nature of this life. Through repentance, feeling genuine regret of our sinful behavior, we must seek to change ourselves and submit to God which will lead to salvation if sustained.

Eph 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

2 Tim 2:20 & 21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

As the grass withers and dies and the flowers and trees shed their leaves, all flesh eventually dies. Our bodies are temporary creations but if we change ourselves and put on that “new man” we also like grass, flowers and leaves will return in the “spring” to a resurrected new life! We are not to worry about the physical because God will take care of all those needs if our focus remains on Him first and foremost.

1Pet 1:22-25 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

This passage shows a stark difference between the faithful, enduring power of God's word biblically referred to as the "incorruptible seed" which endures forever in stark comparison to the perishable corrupted seed of humankind.

Ps 103:13-16 As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.

Mt 6:25-34 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 "BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU. 34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Yah wants us to fulfill His purpose during the time that we are here and He gives us all the tools we need to accomplish His purpose. He indicates that we are to love one another fervently which is a choice that only those that have purified their souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit have the capacity to do. We just need to allow Him to work in us to achieve His righteousness.

He wants us to enjoy the grass and all of nature that He has created for us, therefore let us be united in purpose like those myriad tall straight blades of grass giving shade and protection, blanketing those which He asked us to serve.

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