

## *Partaker of Evil Deeds*

2 John 1~6 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom **I love in the truth**; and not I only, but also **all they that have known the truth**; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, **in truth and love**. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children **walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father**. And now I beseech thee, lady (*and we the reader*), not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, **but that which we had from the beginning**, that we love one another. And this is love; **that we walk after his commandments**. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard **from the beginning**, ye should walk in it.

*Note the above reference about **truth** and **love** has been preached from the foundation of the world and was given by the Father in commandments through His son Yahshua. This is not a new commandment, but one declaring "we are to love one another."*

*The designation of **truth** seen in His commandment is the rule set by which we are to discern between right and wrong, between truth and error, thus becomes the standard by which we are called to execute by, to judge by, removed from feelings and personal opinions.*

*The definition of **love** is also shown to us; "And this is love; **that we walk after His commandments**" encompassing not only the knowledge of His commandments, but the application of them actively evident seen in His children **walking in truth** after His commandments. Thus love is **the walk**: the application of truth seen in our lives shining forth as a beacon of light.*

*Within this short passage, the definitions of **truth** and **love** are expounded, showing that both are interactive elements of "**walking in truth**." One without the other does not produce the same effect. One can claim to have truth by declaring having knowledge of the law, the commandment of Yah, while void of living a walk of love. One cannot claim they are living love, an outgoing concern for others, apart from the law.*

*Consequently truth without love is as words without meaning. Unapplied truth in our lives evidenced by our walk shows forth the lack of love, His love felt by others through us. One may declare to have it, but none the less remains a useless asset if it's not mixed with the other. The recipe calls for the two elements, **truth** and **love**, to be well mixed before being poured out into life.*

2 John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

*Right after declaring what **truth** is as stipulated in His commandments with love applied to; shown by one's walk, the scriptures warn of deceivers entering the world preaching a different gospel. Here particularly comes the warning of an antichrist, one against Christ, denying that Yahshua came in the flesh as a man fulfilling the mission of the Messiah.*

*Hence the application of **truth** and **love** are not present in those that deceive. Twisted truth, spoken in the context of a commandment meant for our deception is defused revelation. And as deception is carried about seen by wakes of error that washes over those that are immature in the truth causing their destruction because these persons lacked a firm grip **which had been established from the beginning**.*

2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we **lose not those things which we have wrought**, but that we receive a full reward.

*One who is not secure in the knowledge of truth is apt to flounder in the wave of deception. Security is dependent upon the stability of one's stance. Knowledge of the truth is not a stance or a position; it's only a tool to help build the foundation of your sanctuary as a firm supporting base from which the house is supported. Knowledge does not guarantee success; it is but a tool to be used in one's walk.*

*Truth, the knowledge of Yah's ways, only finds reward **if one applies it in their life**. If not chastened by use truth will be lost to rust into forgetfulness due to lack of usage. The reward of knowledge is in its application, the use thereof, to those that fight to the end with all their might.*

2 John 9~11 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

*Abiding in the doctrine of Christ is doing all that He has given us through His words, His commandments. One who declares that he knows the truth yet does not follow in actions shows both a lack of love as well as not walking in truth. These are the points the scriptures are stressing. He or she that brings forth a doctrine of error, whether that of the antichrist or deception from the Yah's truth, we as believers are to exercise the instruction given in the words by not receiving them into our fellowship.*

*The scriptures further relate, that if we allow, condone, such deception to proliferate in our midst we are guilty of partaking in their evil deeds. For those **not walking** with Yahshua in truth are against Him in their actions or lack thereof. Thus as I turn a blind eye to what's going on around me and am able to confront the error but allow it to continue, I'm condoning that behavior...denying His Spirit living in me. In actuality, I'm participating in its folly.*

*By saying nothing about the disregard for the truth, we come into fellowship with the deceiver. If we don't shut the door, we indirectly sanction the act. For those wavering in truth there is no neutral ground. There is no place where we are merely spectators, neutral observers, detached from the world. We are in it or we're not! How we behave shows what side of the fence one is on, but in either position there is never a way sited on the side line looking in. There is no wiggle room or gray area in The Way; we are only allowed to execute according to commandment stipulations as given.*

*Take the example of Adam: Even though he didn't say a word while standing next to Eve as she conversed with the serpent, still made Adam liable. Adam discovered, much to his regret, that his silence involved him, first passively condoning the action, then in active participation.*

Genesis 2:15~17 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

*The very first commandment given to man regarded partaking of the tree of **discernment**, the ability to gain knowledge of good from evil. Did you notice that the word **discernment**, meaning selectivity in judgment, is the opposite of **deception**? The evil one is ever opportunistic with his portable counterfeit system poised ready to deceive us.*

*We share in each other's walk, functioning as a church, a collective body in oneness. With whom one associate's, whom one endorses, whom one allows to speak, all become our community. We are not immune from their influence. If you listen to a lie long enough, you will become that lie and its error will feel right at home desecrating your sanctuary.*

*Scripture tells us not to associate with deception through error, instead we are to shut the door on it, turn off the broadcast, remove the page which holds the error. If one allows the lie to find a place to germinate, to develop, it will grow, thus bringing death to those that embrace its teachings. As we allow it to mature, error finds all your weaknesses and uses them against you...because you befriended it. Listen to the serpent's deception: "Please let us just sit together and talk. I won't hurt you...did Yah really say that?"*

Genesis 3:1~19 Now **the serpent was more subtil than any beast** of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (*Satan introduces doubt, questioning Gods words, the first form of deception*) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God hath said**, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be **desired to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and **gave also unto her husband with her**; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof **I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat**? And the man said, **The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat**. (*Quickly place the blame on another*) And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me**, and I did eat. (*That looked like it worked, blaming on another, I'll do the same*) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, **Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife**, and hast eaten of the tree, of **which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it**: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

*Notice some of the attributes of deception. The woman saw that the tree was **good for food, pleasant to the eyes**, and much **desired to make one wise**. So she took of the fruit thereof and did eat. Desire and lust are right there filling the eyes with want. The first error occurred when Eve put the same value of Satan's deceptive words equal to Yah's. Adam's punishment came because he hearkened unto the voice of Eve rather than the commandments of Yah.*

*Today is no different. Time has changed, but deception still rules this world. Today the evil one has most people fixed in a trance which promotes societal latitude, freedoms that favorably reinterprets their transgression of Yah's laws. Outwardly we must reject these teachings of this "universal Jesus" that sugar coats, condones sin in lawlessness. He is a fabrication of the man-made religion.*

*Yet the greatest deception that men suffer arises from their own opinions. It is the deception that plays within us. We condone, coexist with evil thoughts and desires while pretending to be white washed sepulchers outwardly untouched by deception. As a consequence one struts about as a fool in the role of the chump, the mark whose deceptive characteristics of evil play one against him or herself.*

*The desires and lusts yearned for by **me, myself** and **I** have allowed one to condone their cravings, coexisting with them, entertaining them as though they were confirmed (by Satan) as fellow servants in the walk of truth.*

*So the essence of the scripture given in 2 John 10~11 has been amplified into having a much deeper meaning to those looking for maturity in eating the word. One can easily point the finger at the deception surrounding them, yet does one see the deceptive plank in their own eye?*

2 John 10~11 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: **For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**

*Thus every time I condone evil in my innermost parts known only by self and my Creator, I am partaking of that evil. I allow its existence and entertain its desires in my house, the temple in which Yah's Holy Spirit resides...or does it?*

*Can His Holy Spirit coexist with evil? Can the Spirit of Yah allow such evil to be present? Does the Spirit turn a blind eye to evil or does the Spirit condemn its existence? And if the Spirit is condemning evil in you, there must be a constant battle going on for the control of your spirit. And at the same time if there is no raging battle present, perchance we have squelched the Spirit of Yah and He has departed from us until we deal with our sin.*

*Hence the hidden question to the topic: "Partaking of Evil Deeds" is one that only you can sense...know by the clanking of weaponry across the battle field of the mind?*

*Love does not equal tolerance!!!*

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