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The above picture is a detail of the fresco *'The Tribute Money'* from Mosaccio, showing the hand of Peter who places the Shekel into the hand of the Tax Collector. The painting is in the Brancacci Chapel in the City of Florence, Italy.

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Preface

The question, "Is it lawful to pay taxes" was posed to Yahshua who founded our Christian culture. It was asked by some of the best lawyers at the time and recorded by the gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Matthew 22:17 "...Is it lawful to give taxes unto Caesar, or not?"

The answer He gave them was profound, as He said:

Matthew 22:18-22 *"Why do you try me, you hypocrites? Show me the tax money." And they brought him a penny. And he said to them, "Whose is this image and superscription?" They said to him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Give therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto Elohim the things that are Elohim's." When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went away.*

To most people at the time, and up to the present time, the true meaning of His answer was not understood. At best one thought that Yahshua avoided a direct answer of Yes or No, because, as one reasons, 'Yes' would have left Him open to the accusation that He was against the teaching of Moses, thus against His Father, and 'No' would have given the Pharisees the opportunity to report Him to the Roman authorities. So, one thought it quite clever of Him to avoid a position by pointing to the assumption behind the question. However, did He do that? Was Yahshua teaching us 'politics', was that His aim?

There has been much discussion about this text and many have settled for a perceived meaning. The true meaning though was obscured for most of them and purposely so. It was meant to be understood by but a very few. Amongst them were those who raised the question, they were *'the taught ones'* from amongst the Pharisees and with them *the Herodians*, those who were most opposed to Yahshua, (Matth. 22:16). And... *When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went away.* For these men 'to marvel' one may gather that there must be much more in the text than it superficially shows. Evidently the answer was for them of such a great depth that there was nothing these intelligent men could reason against. As they *'marveled'*, they *'saw'* the miracle in the true meaning, yet they *'left Him'*, which means: 'reason left Him' as they could bring no argument against His words and they *'went away'*, which means: 'to another place'... 'to death'.

In Yahshua's time the true meaning needed to be revealed by Him to a very few. For all others, and all those peoples comprising our Christian culture up until the present time, the true meaning has been obscured in order that the burden of the paying of Tax money could fulfill its role in bringing this people down. The time that the meaning of Yahshua's answer is understood has now arrived and to record this meaning is the purpose of this writing.

Introduction

Some people think money is an expression of 'value' and is backed by gold, other people say that money has its value given by government decree and is called 'Fiat money'. Both theorems are false. True Value is a male and a female together because together they have the ability to produce¹. Neither gold nor fiat money can do that. These expressions of value, or moneys, therefore hold NO value. The truth of True Value being 'male and female together' concerns all the living within the created realm. Father has given this understanding/revelation, His Breath of Life (male) to a select people (female) in order to bring this realm of His creation into her 7th day, wherein she will find rest and her True Value. These people are the descendants of the patriarch Jacob, who was later named Israel, it is from him, out of his loins, that a great people have grown. A people having the promise to be called: 'The People of Israel'.

In order to be re-united with the Father as His submitted wife, this people needed to be separated from Him, separated from Him in their consciousness. This process started as from their birth in the man Jacob / Israel, the grandson of Abraham and Sarah. As their generations grew they gradually lost more of His identity. The greatest separation occurred when they moved from the Middle East into the vast continent of Europe. Father moved them to make them trust their abilities and He blinded them for Him for the sole purpose of furthering their 'self' consciousness by trusting in NO Value to the extent that they will come to an awareness

1 This is the 'Dynamic of Life' and is expressed in marriage. A husband fully submits his wife, by awakening her desire to be re-united with him, as she came 'out of him' before time began. This awakening to his call happens towards the point that she perfectly answers to him. Then, when she gives her 'self' to him, he gives her his life where it is formed as the New Life in 'their' womb. This Dynamic of Life is the blueprint for all the living in this realm and is their only hope. The 'Dynamic of Life' is thus True Value there is no other Value.

The Dynamic of Life, or True Value, is based upon 'giving away'. Our Father has done so in His manifestation, He has given Himself away in Yahshua for us, who are feminine as we came out of Him, to follow His example by giving away our flesh perception in order to become the perfect man.

This simple yet wonderful interchange is the greatest of all miracles. The Dynamic of Life is the economy of Fathers House, which is since long ago in operation in this realm of time and space, and we will come to 'see' this management in everything we have done, do and will do. It will dissolve our 'expectations' of government or authority, as our present ideas about security and growth will not be known anymore. Describing this economy at any length is as yet not possible because words cannot convey the things which we will come to see and do.

of being defrauded by their own belief in 'self'. Yet, there in each and every one of them, He, the Father, is present as the Male while they are the Female as 'she' came out of Him. She is dormant as to His existence in her, to become awakened at an appointed time and see 'True Value', male and female together, in order to produce.

Corporately as well as personally He separated them from Him, for the sole purpose of killing the 'self' consciousness of the flesh. His weapon is His separation which itself separates from Him as He reveals Himself from within. When the Israelite 'sees' His male (spirit) and his female (flesh) together, he sees the Sovereignty of the Father which is 'True Value'. Then he sees that the trust in money or in gold has killed his 'self' consciousness and that this trust was part of the process of being united with Him and that this True Value has produced the New Man.

This True Value of the Unity is the fullness of the Gospel which Yahshua preached. The period of Yahshua's life marked, for the people of Israel, the era of Passover and the people understood the Kingdom to be established or to arrive 'from the outside'. In different forms this understanding has been so for most of them up until now. The message of True Value 'within', which inaugurates the Tabernacle era, is still hidden for most people up to the present time. Yahshua did a great work, but the greater work is yet to be done. As we have now arrived at this era of Tabernacles, we have come into His Rest where the Kingdom of Elohim in man will be revealed from within. That is the message of this letter. It is a message which was '*shadowed over*' at the time of the first covenant and could not be told to those to whom the New Covenant was introduced, as the 'mercy seat' is within your head, and is your place of Unity, where your awareness takes place, True Value, from within.

Hebrews 9:5 "*And over it the cherubims of glory 'shadowing the mercyseat'; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*"

The Accusation

Yahshua was, in His time, accused of preaching 'tax evasion' and wrongfully so.

Luke 23:2 "*And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tax to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King...."*

This accusation came from those who were worshiping the ruling god 'Money', who opposed Him and for whom He needed to die in order to overcome it and destroy it, because the god 'money' epitomises the illusionary strength of 'self' and brings every beholder, or everyone who puts value on her, to his death. The only One who can destroy her is the True Value, which is Him the Father/the male in His Manifestation/the Son/the female, as He came out of Him. He died and absorbed the illusion of money for corporate Israel.

By His death He did not automatically take away our illusion, we all need to die in emulation of Him, this not to qualify but to have His work, which is already done in us, become established in our mind.

Money

It may well be helpful to know what the word 'money' means. Once we know what it means, we will have an understanding of what we are actually saying when we use this word in our daily life. The word 'money' comes from the epithet 'Moneta' a title which the Roman goddess 'Juno' held. Juno was the wife of Jupiter, the King of all Roman gods. Knowing this, we may see that Juno was actually a counterfeit of Yahshua, who was in this regard also 'feminine' as He came 'out of' the Father.

As 'Juno Moneta' she was the goddess of fertility. Fertility, or riches, is what money promises. We all have been 'brainwashed' into thinking that money can make our possessions grow, that money can make us rich, this supposition is a falsity. Money is an imagination of the mind as money has no value and cannot bring forth. Only through Yahshua man can come to the realisation of the Father in him and be fruitful. Only through Yahshua man will come to know that all the riches in heaven and on the earth are in Him and are his. Only through Him man can be reproductive. Therefore Yahshua had to die by the hands of the accusers, to destroy the goddess of 'money', indeed He had to die for all of us who esteem Juno Moneta, because her estimation exists only in our flesh thinking.

Besides being the 'goddess of fertility', 'Juno Moneta' is said to be 'the protector of the people'. She is supposed to 'provide security'. This too

is an illusion as it is the realisation of Father's Sovereignty which gives the people protection or security. The True Protector of the people is the hidden within the name 'Israel', a name which shows His Sovereignty and literally means: 'El Rules', not ~~ruling with El~~. The man Jacob was given the name 'Israel' when he saw his own identity as His Sovereignty². The descendants of Jacob will corporately, as a people, be given this name Israel or 'El Rules' as well, when they come to see that they are the manifestation of the Father and thus see 'Him Sovereign' as their true identity. Once they see that, once Father circumcises their heart and He realises the True Value in them, the rest of creation will be blessed and be given 'protection' and 'riches' through them.

Juno Moneta, or 'Money', as the Roman goddess for 'protection and fertility' is a counterfeit of the Father who manifests 'Protection and Fertility' from within the people of Israel. As she is of No Value, He is the True Value.

- Yahshua died for the people of Israel to give them access to True Value, giving them 'protection and fertility' to be, in Him, the first of all the Living.
- The descendants of Jacob will die for the whole of creation so that the worship of Juno Moneta will be stopped. When they, through their death, will be manifested as Israel, as the sons of Elohim, they will loosen the bands of vanity / self in the rest of the living.

Romans 8:20, 21 *"For the creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of Elohim."*

**The revelation of His Sovereignty is the only Protection.
This realization of Male (spirit) and Female (flesh) together
brings forth and is the only fertility.**

² This occurred in the early morning after his night long fight with his brother Esau, at the 'breaking of his New Day'. Then he saw the face of Elohim in the face of his life-long enemy Esau as he said: "...I have seen thy face as though I had seen the face of Elohim..." (Gen.33:10). As He saw Father's Sovereignty in Esau, he saw Him also in himself, as afterwards he spoke as a Spirit man as he said in the following verse: "I have enough..." (כָּל kol) which means: 'I own it all', this in contrast to the word "enough" (רַב rab) his brother used in verse 9, which means 'much'.

The Value of Money

Roman culture is a culture based on the Value of 'self'³. The Romans made themselves images to subordinate others in order to be satisfied. Therefore Value was given to an imagination of the mind which is 'money', or the goddess Juno Moneta. Juno Moneta has since been kept alive as 'the people', which is the 'state', completely depends on this goddess, this image of 'self', to give them the illusion of riches (fertility) and of security (protection of the community) and the only way the 'state' can worship her is... through tax money!

Money in itself has no effect if it is not validated. The State, or the god of flesh, accomplishes nothing if money is not validated. This validation is NOT done by the governments or by banks, this validation is done by the citizens through their paying of the same money as tax to those they choose to command them with their governance.

They pay taxes to still their inner desire for Protection and Fertility. Because the citizens are blinded to the Sovereign Power they have within, which gives them all the Protection and Fertility, they rely on their mind, on their ability of 'reason' and by that they choose 'flesh' to govern them, the flesh of their own mind. Because of their 'choosing', they allow an 'outside entity' to sustain them and to give them riches. Indeed they allow an 'outside entity' to take their birthright away and... they give value to this false protection and fertility by paying the 'outside entity' a portion of their burden back, which is called 'tax'. They believe in this No Value (money), which is the only protection and fertility they know, and so it encompasses everything they do and think. However, because of their blindness they can only rely on their mind, therefore they experience that their sins replicate and so their inner desire to True Value, which sustains them daily, is continually compromised and defrauded. This then causes them to lose the trust in themselves as well as the trust in others thus making place for fear, the 'fear' of Non Protection and Non Fertility. Indeed they have created for themselves the fear of punishment in loss of property (protection) and riches (fertility). This has then become a prison

3 Our word 'Rome' comes from the Etruscan word, 'rhome', meaning: 'hard', relative to the Greek word, "ῥώμη, rhōmē", meaning: strength, vigor. Hence the name, 'Roman' is: 'The strength of man', which is 'Self'.

for them out of which they will not come alive.

The inner desire for True Protection and Fertility, for which they are blinded, and the fear of losing the protection and fertility they know, which is money, is the only reason which prompts them to pay their taxes. This paying of taxes gives value to the illusion of money.

Money is neither good nor is it bad, it is a god of stone, it has NO Value. To give in to the demand and pay this same money as a tax makes this money into a living god, a god who provides illusionary protection and fertility, or riches, to those who pay these moneys. The paying or the receiving of taxes is in reality not about protection or riches, it is factually about the estimation of 'SELF'. The higher the tax, the stronger the trust in 'Self', this is true for both the oppressor and those who are oppressed. This belief in the illusion of 'self' will ultimately bring the people of Israel to their death⁴.

What is 'Self'?

Self is an idea of man who knows only physical abilities and trusts on them with his mind. Self perceives all things according to his will, be it good or bad. Self is thus man's limitation and is directed inwardly as everything must be in agreement with his mind. Because of these limitations Self is therefore ruled and guided by fear.

Spirit is the reality of the One we call Father, because He is the 'Giver' of Life. The Spirit Father' is in nature creative and thus directed outwards. He, the Father, cannot be seen by 'self' or flesh man. Spirit is His identity of the Israelite and anyone claiming Him, trusts in His Father's mind, which we call the Heart, and is ruled by faith.

⁴ There should not be any argument or confusion about the giving of 'tithes', being lawful as only 'a tenth' of that which comes from 'production' (male and female together), and which should be given back to Him, the Father. This tenth represents the whole, which is Him and belongs to Him, while the remainder, the 9, gains to be the New Protection and Fertility together to produce again.

Money is disconnected from true fertility and is said to represent a 'given value', to facilitate economy. To extract from 'a given value' in the form of tax-money is an impossibility, it will rob the people instead of giving 'protection' and it will ultimately 'kill' them rather than offering them 'fertility'.

These processes guiding 'self' and 'spirit' are also seen in the meanings of the words 'fear' and 'faith'.

The word 'Fear' has the meaning of '*attached (F) to the mind of man (r)*' whilst the word 'Faith' has the meaning of '*attached (F) to the covenant (th)*'.

Now, as mentioned before, there are only 2 things important for every man and these are indeed 'protection' and 'fertility'.

- The Spirit man knows himself to be the Sovereign Father, Male and Female together (protection), and this unity of flesh and spirit brings forth (fertility). This is inherent to the two great commandments. The first: Matthew 22:37 "*Thou shalt love YaHWaH thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*" (You, as flesh, shall be ONE with Him, as spirit, and thus have 'protection'). And the second is likewise, verse 39: "*Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*" (You, as having come to know to be spirit and One with Elohim, shall be ONE with your neighbor's flesh, which brings forth, 'fertility').
- Flesh or 'Self' man cannot see this and is only concerned about himself, his physical and mental status (protection) and how he can further himself, how he can provide for himself for tomorrow (growth / fertility). The blinded man, the man who relies on 'self', makes himself believe 'in his ability' to protect himself and to be fertile, yes indeed he makes himself believe in money, an illusion of value.

In this way flesh or 'Self' man makes himself a god called 'Money' and he needs to pay 'tax money' to create for himself an outside 'living' authority which will then govern his fear of losing this 'protection and fertility' if he does not pay up. Therefore, 'The Lifeline of Self is...Fear'. This fear of losing 'protection and fertility' causes flesh man to 'fight' all the days

of his life until his fight ultimately ends in his death⁵.

There are few people who understand this process. There are even fewer who understand that there are no outside forces as a Taxation Office, individuals, or groups of individuals, which can force man, or compel man, into slavery.... No it is man himself, his fear of losing his illusion of 'protection and fertility' which enslaves and makes him fight⁶, to gain protection and fertility through his regarding of taxes until he meets his death⁷.

We may see now that Money is ALL about the blindness of the people of Israel.

Due to the fact that the people of Israel are blinded for His identity, their 'True Value', they are left to believe a lie, the lie of the 'protection' and 'fertility' of 'money', indeed the lie of Juno Moneta. This dead goddess is made

5 It is not the fight for freedom which makes us free, no quite the opposite this fighting for freedom brings us more into bondage. To keep our 'self' alive we MUST fight and for as long as we fight, and thus rely on 'self', we are in bondage to self and thus to money. The harder the fight, the higher the fear and vice versa. It is ironic that those who fight for 'free speech' or, 'leak secrets' or 'expose lies', are actually feeding their 'self', enslaving themselves all the more. In so doing these men will indeed come to real free speech, to righteous justice and to their true potential though not winning, but through losing their fight. They understand with their mind that their feelings are their 'own' motives, ideological in nature, and they want to satisfy them, not realizing that these feelings are 'spiritually' driven, coming from their heart, spurring them to fulfilment, which they reach, but through their death. Therefore, when man has exhausted his fighting for freedom, his advocating, leaking, exposing etc., then he finds his 'self' death and once man's 'self' is found death he sees that his fear is dissolved, then he will indeed realise that money has No Value.

6 James 4:1 "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" And what is Lust? Lust is the fear of not being satisfied or, 'Self' wanting protection and fertility or..Money.

1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil",
or, "For the giving value to money is the root of all evil"
or, "For the attachment to money is the root of all evil"

7 The 'certainty' of taxes and death is ordained to the flesh and has occupied the minds of many. Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, wrote in his book: The Political History of the Devil: "Things as certain as death and taxes, can be more firmly believed". Benjamin Franklin is said to have coined the phrase we are all familiar with: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." This thinking is indeed of the devil, which is the flesh/self and of NO Value. These men indeed were aware of these 'certainties', though Defoe's 'Devil' and Franklin's 'In this world' belong to the limitation of the flesh or to the limitation of this realm and therein they belong and are thus 'truly' not certain.

alive by them through the paying of Tax money. They are paying Tax money for two reasons, firstly, to still their subconscious inner desire to be united with Father (realising Male and Female together or, in other words, to be looked after and to grow), secondly for the fear of loss of property and thus missing out on progress when they fail to pay. Then, when Juno Moneta is made alive by their paying of Tax money, she fills those desiring her 'protection' and her 'fertility', with an illusion of value and, not knowing True Value, makes them dependant on her. They are feeding this lie continually and increasingly by their paying of taxes and their materialistic expenditures so that their, to them yet unrecognised, hunger to True Value can be satisfied. In so doing they have attached themselves to No Value and are as a consequence satisfying 'self'.

Their love, or True Value, has waxed cold as they do not 'know' Him and when there is no Male and Female together (Love) there is death and this is what is happening now, the people of Israel are dying. However, in their death, as they see that they are losing all that they have, which is 'self', they will begin to see that Tax Money served them to Life, though, through their death, the death of Self. They will then see that the Wicked, or their Flesh, is consumed by His Spirit and destroyed by the brightness of His coming, because for this cause Elohim had sent them this strong delusion, believing a LIE, the Lie of Tax money⁸.

Is it Lawful to Pay Taxes?

We need to go back now to the account in Matthew 22 wherein the Pharisees asked Yahshua whether it is Lawful to pay Taxes.

As strict observers of the Mosaic Law, the Pharisees knew very well that

8 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan (adversary = flesh nature) with all power and signs and lying wonders. And all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

the people of Israel were not to be separated from their Elohim. The payment of tax indicates this separation and these Lawyers were well versed in the Law to know that. They were the religious leaders of the people of Israel, though they were under Roman rule, and in order for them to function, they had to comply with the paying of taxes to Caesar. So, because of the preservation of their status quo, thus their 'protection and fertility', they needed to support Caesars law separating themselves and the people from Elohim. Therefore they had to 'reason' their way out from under the Law of Moses which they, by their same reasoning, made into a burden.

Yahshua preached a realm wherein separation is to be restored by giving access to True Protection, male and female or Spirit and Flesh together, which is the only wealth and which completes the Law of Moses. This gives unity, and thus the freedom of the fullness of the Law, towards True Fertility to become the perfected man but from within.

Hypocrites

The Lawyers, spoken of in the parable of Matthew 22, realised very well that they depicted the guests who did not want to be part of the wedding. They knew that they were the invited ones who refused to come as they had their loyalty to another authority, to Caesar. This fact is evidenced by their question to Yahshua: "*Is it lawful ...*" Their point of reference in this question was the 'Law of Moses', as they asked Him about paying 'value' to Caesar. In so doing they proved that they were indeed lying in regard to the upholding of the Law of righteousness, a law which says, "*you shall not have any other values before me*", whilst adhering to the Roman Law. These Lawyers willingly declined the invitation to be 'guests' and bowed down for the preservation of their position (protection) and their so called 'higher understanding' (fertility) of the Torah, justified through their reasoning (self). Therefore their question, "*Is it lawful ...*" was met with the word 'hypocrites' which rightly characterized them.

Bad and Good

The wedding guests, who were finally gathered by the servants, were both, bad and good guests. They were those who participated from the 'Tree of Good and Evil', and they symbolize all of us. Good and Evil are perceptions of the mind wherefrom we eat. It is as our Father invites both the bad and the good, through Him circumcising our hearts, that

we can, through Yahshua, open the door and, as true wedding guests, will sup with Him from Our 'Tree of Life'. This will be our wedding wherein we, as both the 'bad and good' invited guests, are united with our Spirit Father and have become 'Protection and Fertility' whereto we subconsciously have longed for all our flesh life.

Caesar



Matthew 22:18-21 *"But Yahshua perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this **image** and **superscription**? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto Elohim the things that are Elohim's."*

The image

Exodus 20:4, 5 *"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I, YaHWaH your Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me"*

The superscription

Emperor Caesar epitomized the culture of self-worship. A culture which represented gods in the form of humans. Caesar claimed himself to be a god as witnessed by both, the inscription under a statue of himself in the temple of Quirinus which reads: *"To the invincible God"*, as well as the superscription on the coin Yahshua was handed stating Caesar to be the 'son of god' as it says: *"Tiberivs Caesar Divi Avgvsti Filivs Avgvstos"* ("Caesar Augustus Tiberius, Son of the Divine Augustus"). It was this claim on the coin to which Yahshua referred to. A claim based upon a lie as the

'flesh' man Augustus, the father of Caesar, was NOT divine and Caesar was thus NOT the *'invincible God'*. This claim opposed Yahshua, as the Son of Elohim, a claim of No Value as Yahshua was the Male and the Female together, Spirit and Flesh, and thus True Value.

The meaning of the name Caesar

- According to Strong's, Caesar's name means: 'The Severed One'. But wherein was he cut off? He was birthed, as it is said, by 'Caesarian', or in Dutch 'Keizersnee' (= 'Emperor cut'). He was cut off from the Life of the womb, the womb which should have given him birth naturally. Therefore his life was authenticated by 'the will of man', hence Caesar pictures the 'god of self'.
- According to the Roman grammarian Festus, the name Caesar is derived from the word *'caesaries'*, meaning: 'Hair'. The spiritual meaning for 'Hair' is: *'the external strengths of the natural man'*. This meaning also shows that Caesar pictures 'the strength of man' in opposition to 'the strength of the Spirit'. The 'Emperor Caesar' therefore means: the 'god of self'.

Yahshua's Answer

The true meaning of Yahshua's answer may now become clear. Yahshua said: *"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's"*, which means: 'Give to the 'god of self' that which belongs to him', which indeed is nothing. He further said: *"and unto Elohim the things that are Elohim's"*, which means: 'Give all your 'self will' to Him, Elohim, to whom it belongs'. It is then that you will own the world and everything in it, as you are then, in your consciousness, united with the Father, True Value.

And having heard this, they marveled and left Him and went away. The Lawyers pictured Flesh and valued the 'god of self', their 'god of reason' who did not know Him. Therefore, 'reason' left Him and, as He is Life, they went away, indeed, to another place to 'death' as there is no place for reason in His Marvel.

It was only a few days later that He, through His death, ratified this Dynamic of Life before their eyes. The Father (Male) gave His Perfect

Flesh Life (Female) to all of His people who He makes ready, by the giving away of their Self through their death. Then, as this happens in each of us, our Perfected Flesh unites with His Spirit which raises us up, birthing the Son in us, as us.

As a Second Witness: “Doth not your master pay tax?” (Matthew 17:24)

In Matthew 17: 24-27 there is also a reference to the ‘paying of taxes’. In studying this passage we will see that the deeper meaning of the words of Yahshua perfectly confirms the revelation given in this paper.

“And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Yahshua prevented him, saying, what thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Yahshua saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.”

The tribute money spoken of here became traditionally known as ‘the Temple tax’. The word ‘tribute’ here is the Greek word: δίδραχμον *didrachmon* or *half a shekel*. This payment finds its origin in the book of Exodus

Exodus 30:13 *“This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel ...”*

The original Command

The command to pay this ‘didrachmon’ or half-shekel was to be exercised at the time when there was a census and this half-shekel needed to be paid into the Temple Treasury by every male of 20 years and older. Whether one was rich or poor, all had to give the same half-shekel and one was not allowed to give more or less. This half-shekel was a ransom for their souls.

Exodus 30:12 *“... they give every man a ransom.”*

Exodus 30:15 *“The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto YaHWaH, to make an atonement for your souls.”*

The Command exercised in Yahshua's time

The Pharisees made this command into a yearly mandatory tax. The half-shekel was minted by the Pharisees and in the last month of the year, the month Adar, this coin could be bought, or foreign currency exchanged for it, through the money changers. The half-shekel had to be paid into the temple treasury by the 25th of Adar. Only half-shekel coins minted in that year could be used. If one failed to pay up the Pharisees could seize property⁹.

The original Command foreshadowed the Work of Yahshua. The paying of the exact half-shekel at a census by the 'life givers' of Israel as an atonement for the souls of the people of Israel, was a foreshadowing of the work of Yahshua. He is the Life giver and He paid the ransom price for all of the people of Israel and this price was, as the half-shekel, equal for everyone.

Some background information:

The Task of Esau/the Jews in Yahshua's Time and in the Present Time

At the time of the life of Yahshua most of the people living in the land of Palestine were descendants of Jacob/Israel, thus Israelites. Those Israelites, residing in the province of Judaea, were referred to as Judeans, much as Dutch people living in Australia are called Australians. The Pharisees living in Judaea, where the Temple was, were predominantly of the tribe of Esau. It was Esau who sought to kill his brother Jacob/Israel and this task¹⁰, to kill his brother in his lifetime, pictured the collective task of the people of Esau to kill their brother, the people of Jacob/Israel, in their 'life time', which spans the period from Esau's youth up to the time wherein we live now.

It is only since modern times that the people of Esau adopted

9 'The Temple', Alfred Edersheim, page 71.

10 The task of Esau killing his brother Jacob/Israel is a task which is, in all its detail, wonderfully answered by the 'Self Will' of the people of Israel as it is perfectly directed by our Sovereign Father, who desires to manifest Himself in Jacob/Israel by killing our 'Self Will'.

to themselves the word 'Jew'. They insinuate thereby to be descendants of the man Judah, however Judah was the son of Jacob/Israel and therefore Esau's nephew. Judah is thus not the ancestor of Esau or of the 'modern day Jew'. By taking on this new suggestive ancestral word 'Jew', the children of Esau make the true Israelites, who are blinded as to their own identity, believe that they, as Jews, are Juda-ites and so descendants of Israel and thereby the holders of the birthright. In so doing, Esau gains Israel's trust and, by placing themselves in positions wherein they can offer them 'treasures' out of their treasuries, Esau seduces and kills Israel.

The real Treasure, which the people of Israel in their subconscious desire, is True Value which is Male and Female, or Spirit and Flesh, together. They already have this treasure within themselves, namely His Sovereignty, which is the 'True Protection and Fertility'. However, because of their blindness, the people of Israel have made themselves dependant on money, which the descendants of Esau, or the Pharisees, offer, as a false 'protection and fertility'.

In the time of Yahshua the people of Israel made themselves dependant on Esau, the Pharisee, in their Temple of worship where their daily life was managed. The same is happening today as this people, being the Temple of Elohim, are making themselves dependant on Esau in a corporate sense, by having Esau run their economy wherewith their daily life is managed. The economy, which rules Israel through all her governmental bodies, religious as well as secular, is directed and controlled by Esau who issues her monies validated by the levying of taxes through Esau's demand of usury. This system has ultimately, on a personal level, made each individual Israelite dependant on money by the same 'economy', picturing the 'self will of the mind', which rules him.

In Yahshua's time the Pharisees pooled all the money they received together and conducted sacrificial ceremonies and rituals. In so doing they offered the people of Israel a false 'protection and fertility', as the blood of sacrifices did not give them Life. At the present time, Esau offers the people of Israel the same false

‘protection and fertility’ in the form of financial and/or ‘Social Security’ security.

In Yahshua’s day, Esau obliged the people, upon forfeiture of their property, to pay the Temple tax and they are still doing the same today. Esau gave the people of Israel an illusion of life, an illusion which eventually killed them in Yahshua and they are still doing so today.

Having given some comparisons, it is certainly not Esau who needs to be stopped. No, Esau will and ‘must go on’ until the flesh of all Israel is killed. It is the ‘flesh’ of every Israelite who desires Protection and Fertility. However, they seek it through the means of ‘Self’, and this ‘Self’ has to die. It is ‘Self’, or the flesh, who answers to Esau and when nothing answers Esau anymore, his task has finished.

The Overthrowing of Tables

Matthew 21:12 *“And Yahshua went into the temple of Elohim,... and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers...”*

This happened just before Passover at the end of His Life when He entered into Jerusalem and into the Temple.

The word ‘Table’ is a beautiful word. The Hebrew word for ‘table’ is שולחן *shulchan* and it means literally: *The authority (ל) of the separation (ח) to life (י) consumed (ש) or, in other words, ‘that what separates you from life is taken away’ thus through a ‘table’ you have access to life.* To explain it a little further, you may think about the food you eat from your table. It is the table that makes it possible for you to have access to the food, which gives you life. ‘Table’, therefore pictures that the authority, which separates you from life, is consumed¹¹. The same can be said in other uses of the word ‘table’ e.g. ‘to table a proposal’ which means, a proposal is given life because the power which has previously separated it from life is taken away, and the proposal, or the offer to unite, is laid on the table to be made alive.

11 One may think about the word ‘facilitate’ when using the word ‘table’. So, when one tables food or a proposal one facilitates a unity with you.

When Yahshua overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, He symbolized a wonderful act, perfectly timed in His own life just before Passover, an act that all Israel will also go through on their own 'deathbed'. It were the money changers who offered an 'illusion of value' on their 'tables' in the temple, where they facilitated the unity of this illusion with the 'minds of the people', in their Temple. It was Yahshua who pictured the overthrow of the facilitators to No Value in the temple, the Temple of Elohim, and just before His death.

The Personal Outworking

Yahshua overthrew these authorities, these powers or jurisdictions. This pictures His overthrowing of your tables within your temple whereon this illusion of life has laid during your lifetime. Proving to you that tax money does not give value, or Protection and Fertility, showing to you that 'No Value' lays on the floor of your mind to be trampled on. When this happens to you, on your deathbed, you know that your Passover sacrifice is going to be accepted in emulation of His Passover, which has made this all possible and true.

Back to the Parable in Capernaum

It is important to understand that Yahshua taught the disciples from their beginnings of having little faith (Matth.17:17,20), to them ultimately becoming the foundation stones (Ephesians 2:20). It is therefore quite understandable that Peter answered the question: "*Doth not your master pay tribute*" in the affirmative. After all, was not the paying of tribute money mandatory for Yahshua? However on their way into the house Yahshua stopped Peter and asked the question:

Matthew 17:25 "*What thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers?"*

Peter said (verse 26): "*Of strangers.*"

Payment of any tax money to a 'King' who issues the same money, whether it is in gold, silver or paper, means that one makes himself subservient to the illusion of Protection and Fertility of that money which ends in death. The administrator, the 'King', or the ruling power, is the sovereign and issues this illusion. It is him, not his subjects, who receives the Protection and Fertility of his subjects by the raising of taxes! Through their payments of taxes he receives their trust (protection) which furthers this illusion through his children (fertility). It is for this reason that he does not take custom of his children, they are therefore 'free', as they have come forth out of the union of him and the trust of his subjects.

Yahshua answered Peter and said (verse 26): *"Then are the children free."*

The answer which Yahshua gave did not imply that He sought exemption for Himself of not having to pay the half-shekel by reason that He was the Son of Elohim. He rather gave Peter the model of tax freedom of the worldly King's children to reveal to him the freedom of paying the half-shekel for the children of Elohim.

Yahshua taught Peter that when you know yourself to be the issue of the union of Spirit and Flesh, or Male and Female, you know yourself to be the child of the King. It is as you realize the union of the Male in you ('His Breath') and the Female in you ('your Flesh made perfect' by Yahshua) that your temple is glorified and you **are** the New Man, and thus the service of the tabernacle is completed and you do not pay the half-shekel anymore. However, when you are blinded, and know yourself to be flesh, you are a stranger and you will have to pay tribute until you die. This wonderful destiny of freedom in His tabernacle is our reality in this realm and is further revealed in the remainder of this article.

The Shekel



According to the dictionaries the term *Shekel* is a confusing term as, at first, it did not denote any value or weight, yet later it became the name of a coin. There were shekels of gold and silver, heavy and light, though no one seems to know the exact value.

To come to know the value of the Shekel we need to go to the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus 27:25 “*And all thy estimations shall be in the shekel of the Sanctuary*”

The Priest reckons the worth of the estimation.

Leviticus 27:23 “*Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation...*”

The Shekel is therefore the price or estimation of the Sanctuary and this is to be determined by the Priest.

In the ‘flesh years’ of the people of Israel this price was, confusingly enough, determined in gold, silver and also in bronze. There were light and heavy silver shekels as well as light and heavy gold shekels all determined according to the reckoning of the Priest and this, of course, in accordance to the will of YahWaH. At the present we have a heavenly Priest who has revealed that True Value is not Gold or Silver but Spirit and Flesh together. Therefore the value of One Shekel is in accordance to the worth of the price, or estimation, of the Sanctuary which He reckons, who made your flesh perfect, being His Presence (spirit) and The Law (perfected flesh) together. Your Sanctuary is your head wherein the Father will take domicile as He comes from your circumcised heart and the lobes of your brain is the Law. These lobes form the two tables of stone, perfect in design and purpose, the Law made Full by Yahshua. Indeed, Spirit and ‘Perfected’ Flesh together, True Value, One Shekel¹².

The word Shekel in the Hebrew language is שקל *Sheqel* and the pictographic meaning of this word is: ‘The last (ש) authority (ק) consumed (ל)’. ‘The last authority’ of the New man was his ‘self will’ which has been *consumed* or made complete into His Presence. This meaning confirms the biblical explanation which is: ‘the price or estimation of the Sanctuary’. Both verses

12 The Hebrew word for Sanctuary is קדש *Qodesh* and shows a similar pictographic meaning as the word שקל *Sheqel* namely: ‘Behind (ק) the consumed (ש) door (ד)’, or ‘What follows (ש) the treshing (ק)’ (there is no chaff). *The alter of the Temple in Jerusalem was built on a threshing floor* (2 Samuel 24:18,25).

in Leviticus 27: 23 and 25 show True Value, Flesh and Spirit together, One Shekel.

The Shekel is 20 gerahs. Of this we can say the following. The number 20 stands for 'waiting' or 'expectation' as this number is one short of 3×7 . The number 20 also relates to the age of the Priests who were assigned "to oversee the work of the house of YaHWaH" (Ezra 3:8). The word 'gerah' is the Hebrew word גֵּרָה *gerah*, which has the pictographic meaning of: 'That which comes (ה) from the pride (ג) of man (ר)', which is his death into the New Man. Indeed the 'parts' of the shekel are waiting for the revelation of the New Man or, 'The Priest (20) is ready to oversee the work of the Sanctuary (Shekel)'.

The Half-shekel

The half-shekel or didrachma was given as an atonement, or a ransom, for the life of the Israelite.

Exodus 30:12 "... they give every man a ransom."

Exodus 30:15 "... to make an atonement for your souls."

Exodus 30:16 "And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation..., to make an atonement for your souls"

Now we have a better understanding of why the Israelites had to pay only 'half' a shekel. This 'half' represented that part of the shekel which belongs to the Father as He is the ONE. The males of 20 years and older were 'life-givers' and their 'half-shekel' represented and foreshadowed the perfect flesh offering of Yahshua. They had to give this 'half' value of the price of the Sanctuary (shekel) as a ransom/offering to the priest for: "the service of the tabernacle of the congregation". Yahshua's ransom price was to be complete, covering all limitations, all sins of the 'Temple' (the people of Israel) therefore, all 'life-givers' of 20 years and older, no one exempted, had to pay this ransom as all these males picture the sum total of the Life of the Temple (the people of Israel) and only this can service the tabernacle to be made ONE.

This 'half-shekel' represented the perfect flesh offering of Yahshua and we, as the people of Israel, have been given this Life of our flesh made 'perfect' through His payment. The payment of the 'half-shekel'

has, by His payment, reached its purpose for all of us, as we ALL have now become 'Life Givers'. At the time which He appoints, Our Father circumcises your Heart, then, as you are the temple, He calls every cell of your body every hair on your head to His census and all pay this same price of the perfected flesh, the half-shekel, to the High Priest within you in emulation of the work of this same Priest for a ransom of your mind/temple, for the service of your Tabernacle. By that perfected offering your mind is consummated in Him, the High Priest as the Manifestation of Father and He Gives the Life, The New Man, YOU.

The Fish

Now we need to bring clarity to the last verse of Matthew 17.

Matthew 17:27 "Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

'Fish', in the Scriptures, pictures the people of Israel in their 'flesh state'. They have, unbeknown to themselves, Life within them. 'The sea' symbolizes the 'knowledge of the world', its 6 days. They, the people of Israel, swim, in the abundance of water, a sea of living truth, wherein they grow and mature in order to be caught and... eaten¹³.

Peter was asked to "*cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money.*" (a piece of

13 The fact that 'fish' is symbolic for the people of Israel is, amongst other places, referenced in the book of John chapter 21. Therein we can read the story of Yahshua who appeared for the third time after His death to His close and intimate disciples showing them the enormity of their task at hand, which would span about 2000 years. Elders the disciples were called to be fishers of men (Mark 1:17) and in the account of John 21 they caught 153 fishes. The number 153 represents the 'Sons of Elohim' and is therefore wonderfully connected with the people of Israel as they are the sons of Elohim. (The Hebrew words for 'Sons of Elohim' are: **בני האלהים** Beni Ha-Elohim and the gematria thereof is exactly 153). When Peter drew in the net, not one of them was lost as the net was not broken. This was their task, catching the 'Sons of Elohim'.

The 'catching' of the Sons of Elohim out of the sea represents their Passover, their 'Saving'. However, their 'saving' alone does not give Life, they needed to be consumed or made 'whole'. This is what Yahshua did. He invited them to dine and gave them bread and fish (John 21:13). The disciples consumed the Male, as He is the 'Bread of Life' (John 6:48) and the Female, their caught and dead Fish/flesh. They 'took in' both Spirit and Flesh knowing His Sovereignty to be fertile, that is, bringing forth 'The Son'.

money = 1 'stater' = 1 shekel)

'The fish that first cometh up', referred to in the parable, pictures Yahshua Himself. He chose Himself to be the first of the Firstfruits. He prophesied, in this narrative, that He would bring up the Full Shekel, which in the Scriptures is called a 'stater', and equivalent to two half-shekels. He thus prophesied with this coin that His Spirit would unite with His Perfect Flesh, Male and Female together, two halves making One. Peter was to find this True Value in the mouth of the Fish, because the mouth speaks the Word and we FIND True Value in His 'Spoken' Word.

Peter had to fetch this coin and "give unto them for me and thee". In order to understand these words one needs to comprehend the completion of the task of our brother Esau.

The End of the Money Changers

The work of Esau has been completed. His task was to facilitate his brother Jacob in his flesh desires, giving him the illusion of Protection and Fertility through a dead goddess made alive by tax money. He has served his brother Jacob (Genesis 27:40) by giving him a perception of 'living money' which formed the only foundation stone of what we call: 'The System'. It was the control of this illusion of Value which was Esau's weapon and this control was 'fear'. This 'fear' was Esau's sword wherewith he was to serve his brother Jacob, the children of Israel.

Genesis 27:40 "And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother."

With this 'sword' Esau has slayed his brother and killed him.

Genesis 27:41,42 "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I **slay my brother Jacob**. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, **purposing to kill thee.**"

Esau killed the 'man' Jacob during the night long fight. He broke Jacobs's burden, or the yoke of his illusion of flesh, this was

Esau's task. It was this task of 'serving' to kill this 'man', this flesh which has corporately been accomplished by Esau through our blindness, our reliance on the flesh. By adhering to a flesh system, or the 'money system', Esau has hunted us down. It is through his money system that Esau gained and exercised his dominion. This money system has been our yoke wherewith Esau served us as it lay on his neck, and this 'laying on his neck' pictures that it was his lifelong work. When Esau had finally killed Jacob's flesh he had thus broken Jacob's yoke from his neck.

Genesis 27:40 *"And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck."*

Jacob's Ultimate Gift

Towards the end of his life, at the 'Breaking of his New Day' (Gen. 32:24), Jacob 'saw' Father's Sovereignty in himself and in his brother. He saw that his lifelong struggle was his reliance on 'self'.

Genesis 33:10 *"And Jacob said, ... I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of Elohim, and thou wast pleased with me."*

At the end of his 'flesh' life Jacob finally received his birthright, the Ultimate Gift... Namely, knowing Himself to be Male and Female together, True Value. This gift was to know that he was the living Sanctuary, the full Shekel or Stater.

"lest we should offend them..."

According to Strong's 4624 this word 'offend' means: 'lest they commit a sin against us'. It is the desire of the 'New Man Israelite', who has entered into the Sanctuary, thereby knowing himself to be the Sanctuary, to release Esau, or the Jew, from all liabilities against himself. The only One who can do so is the 'New Man Israelite', because He is the manifested Father and only He can forgive¹⁴ though only as his 'self' has died. He

¹⁴ The word 'forgive' consists of two words, 'for' or 'before' and 'give'. In the truest sense this word means that; 'one gives everything back to the donor so that the state will be as it was before'. The inferred meaning is that this is done when one does not hold any liability against the donor. This is only truly possible if one sees the Sovereignty of Elohim in the donor and in oneself.

will make, through the Life He is, the perfect unity with his brother as he had with him before they were conceived, though now in the Flesh. It is at this point that Israel takes Esau's sin upon himself and from then on Esau cannot sin against Israel anymore.

This unity is wonderfully expressed in the last sentence of the parable.

“...and give unto them for me and thee.”

Yahshua told Peter to give Esau access to His Sanctuary through the giving of the coin/ Shekel to 'them' in order that both He and Peter, 'me and thee', 'Spirit and flesh', will be united with Esau. This was pictured and prophesied by Esau partaking of the Sovereignty which Israel gave him as Israel knew himself, at that stage, to be 'me and thee', 'Spirit and flesh':

Genesis 33:11 *“**Take**, I pray thee, **my blessing** that is brought to thee **because I have enough** (Strong's 3605 all, the whole, everything, the totality). And he urged him, and **he took it.**”*

This is Our Great Purpose. The Purpose that Flesh meets Spirit... The Purpose that this Great Creation will be His Rest 'Completed', Fertility, Him Manifested.

Epilogue

Yahshua never validated money with payments of tax money, He cannot be tempted. He certainly did not preach 'tax evasion'. He, as the manifested Sovereign Father, preached beyond that. He began to lead His people back from their separation into unity with Him. This is the fullness of the Gospel, wherein the Spirit of man will be manifested but through the pain and death of No Value, indeed through the fear and the death of Juno Moneta. This is the time of healing for the people of Israel, in order to be established as Spirit Beings in the Flesh, where 'self', which characterized their separation, will be dissolved into Spiritual Unity and where 'fear' will become the substance of 'faith' and will be 'seen' as True Value in the birth of a New Son.

Postscript:

Paul's Teaching on Authority in Romans 13

Most people, who have not entered into His Rest, understand that Paul, in his letter to the Romans chapter 13, encouraged the people to pay taxes. However, those who know themselves to be circumcised are given eyes to see that Paul talked about the reflection of the Father, which the Romans were to give of seeing His Sovereign power in their higher authorities, as he said:

Romans 13:1 *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of Elohim: the powers that be are ordained of Elohim."*

This seeing of His Sovereignty in the higher powers establishes the subjection to the higher powers and the paying of tribute (not the paying of taxes) manifests the unity or Love of Fathers government. We should therefore neither fight nor ignore the higher powers because if we do, we become indebted and enslaved to them, with the result that unity cannot take place and thus Love cannot be established.

When we see Him in our higher powers we desire to have a unity relationship with them for their sake. Our approach to our higher authorities should therefore be that we subject ourselves to them.

Romans 13:5 *"Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."*

However, being 'subject' does not mean 'giving in' to all their demands or 'cooperating' with their evil deeds. It rather means that if we see the Fathers face in them we, as being subjected to them, desire to reflect His face to them in order that correction (*wrath*) as well as learning what is right (*conscience*) can take place within them, just as this took place in each of us by the One who made Himself subject to us.

In many translations the word 'tribute'¹⁵ is changed into the word

15 The etymology of the word 'tribute' is that it originates from the word 'tribe' and the word 'tribe' from tri- "three" + bhu, which is the root of the verb "to be", together (tribhu) shows: 'to be three'. The Scriptural meaning of the number 'three' is complete, hence a tribe is a 'to be a completion', a family. Therefore a 'tribute' reflects the idea of 'be-coming complete'.

'tax'. This has led to confusion as 'tax' is a burden whereas 'a tribute' is considered to be an asset one gives for the benefit of the other. The meaning of the word 'tribute' is best likened to a little stream (i.e. a tributary) flowing into a river, in the sense of making the river complete and the 'paying' of tribute is the giving of oneself towards the completion of the other. In the context of this part of Paul's letter the payment of a tribute should be understood as a reflection of His Sovereignty by the enlightened ones to those in higher power for their growth or benefit, for them to come into unity with the Father within them. Therefore, following Paul's admonition we are tributary to the growth of those we are subjected to when we reflect to them Father's Sovereignty as indeed we ought to do. This reflection is their 'due'. The word 'due' means 'rightful treatment'. As we reflect Father's Sovereignty in those things our higher powers confront us with and, as Paul states in his letter, in things of custom, fear or honour, we render our higher powers their rightful treatment or due. In so doing we no longer owe them anything and unity or love can take place¹⁶.

Romans 13:6-8 *"For for this cause pay ye tribute indeed: for they are the servants of Elohim. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."*

Examples of people in the Scriptures who reflected Father's Sovereignty, and so paid tribute to their higher powers, are too numerous to mention. However, the most recognisable is Daniel who was subjected to Nebuchadnezzar, though refused to eat of his table. By reflecting to Nebuchadnezzar the Sovereign power of Father, shown in the dreams of the King, the King received understanding.

Daniel 4:34 *"And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up*

16 This is much like Jacob who saw, after his nightlong fight, the face of Elohim in the face of his brother Esau. Up to that time Jacob owed Esau this reflection and once given the two were united

Genesis 33:10 *"And Jacob said, ...I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of Elohim..."*

Once Jacob paid Esau tribute, Esau's attitude changed.

Genesis 33:10 *"...and thou wast pleased with me."*

Then the two became united.

Genesis 33:4 *"And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept."*

mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation."

Daniel's explanation of the dreams was the reflection of Father's Sovereign power and was Daniel's payment of tribute to his higher power. This reflection was tributary to the Life of the King and the King's Life is to see His Sovereignty in himself¹⁷.

Daniel 4:35-37 *"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me;*

¹⁷ The book of Daniel is highly symbolic and prophetic. Daniel represents the work of a Judge. His name means: 'The First Authority leading (El) on the Pathway of Life (Dan)', which describes the task of a Judge. The Sovereign Father had appointed Daniel, through Nebuchadnezzar, to sit 'in the gate of the King' (Daniel 2:49). Daniel's remarkable position as the Judge who Judges the King, shows him to reflect the Divine Law to the King and being, as it were the Law himself, tributary to the Life of Nebuchadnezzar as his conscience. It was for this reason that only Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were thrown in the fire for them refusing to worship the golden image. Did Daniel then worship the golden image? No, how can that be? He sat in the gate of the King and a King cannot throw his Judge (his conscience) in the fire.

The three (3) young men picture the fullness of the people of Israel in Divine perfection, which is shown by the number 3 as well as in the meaning of their names (see note). They were spiritually perfected (7) through the fire of the furnace as it was seven times more heated. Daniel, as He leads (El) on their Pathway to Life (Dan), was with them as the fourth man... all their seven years... and not a hair of their head was singed. When these men were perfected, Spirit had changed the Kings word and their bodies were yielded to the only true worship namely of their Elohim. (Daniel 3:28).

Note: The pictographic meaning of the names of the three men shows the character of each of the three feasts, together they covers the full week or the life of the Israelite.

- Hananiah חַנַּנְיָהּ means: 'Through Grace Life can be seen'. His name characterizes the gift of Passover.
- Mishael מִשְׁאֵל means: 'El overcomes Chaos'. His name shows the gift of Pentecost. (It is the earnest of the Spirit received at Pentecost which will overcome the Chaos in Man.)
- Azariah אֶזְרִיָּהּ means: 'Help is revealed'. His name is all about 'seeing' (ע) and is the gift of Tabernacles. (As Eve came out of Adam and was his 'help' so His people came out of Him and are His Help. This revelation comes to the people in their 'Tabernacle period'.)

and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

Daniel may well be the most recognizable in his subjection to higher powers and his paying of tribute however, it is Yahshua who is by far our greatest example. In His time, He not only subjected Himself to Pontius Pilate but, for all time, He has subjected Himself to us and paid tribute to us through giving His Life in order that we become united with Him and with each other. Through Him 'washing our feet', He paid us our rightful treatment (which is our due) so that we walk in His footsteps and give to those we are subjected to, their due. This in order that we will be tributary to their realization of Him. When all our tributes have come together in the manifested Ocean of Life, Flesh will be united with Spirit, True Value, to bring forth, being Fertile.

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