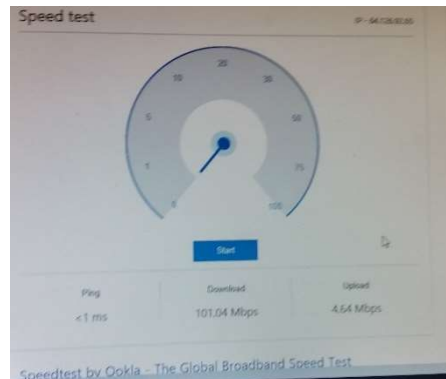


If you saw our livestream YouTube last week, it wasn't quite HD video and audio. Working on it!



[4.64 mbps Should be ok, although minimal. Best possible with Cu wires, not fiber optic.]

Please do not download or upload anything. Don't view the livestream. No games.

No email.

Some of the online games we ask you NOT to do:

Minecraft

Overwatch

Diablo 3

CS:GO

Team Fortress 2

Towerfall Ascension

Unreal Tournament

Worms

League of Legends/Dota 2

Playerunknown's Battlegrounds

Rocket League

Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes

Quake III Arena

Rainbow Six Siege

Arma 3

Battlefield 1

One exception:

To easily follow these notes, log on to our Wifi as per instructions in the bulletin



[Ayoob Kara is an Israeli Druze politician who currently serves as a member of the Knesset for Likud and as Minister of Communications]

Go to <https://youtu.be/07i-NUgvXNo>

Be a part of history and prophecy! 70 years after the founding of the State is the year of Release!

Except **don't register there**, just go to OrHaOlam.com

Deadline Feb. 12 before price increase! If no enrollment by then tour dropped!

[Some insights from Ted Alongi]



[Doctors are concerned about "tilt neck syndrome"]

Netanyahu been questioned several times by police for possible wrongdoing, bribery. Trump administration being questioned by Robert Mueller. Maybe Pres. Trump himself!]

Third Questioning of Yeshua

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:34-35 **When the *P'rushim* learned that he had silenced the *Tz'dukim*, they got together, and one of them who was a *Torah* expert asked a *sh'eilah* to trap him.**

[Third try in this chapter]

First: ^{Mtt. 22.15-16} Then the *P'rushim* went away and put together a plan to trap Yeshua with his own words. They sent him some of their *talmidim* and some members of Herod's party.

Taxation loyalty question

[Few weeks ago]

Second:

^{Mtt. 22.23} That same day, some *Tz'dukim* came to him.

Apparent resurrection absurdity challenge.

[Last week: Resurrection power of G-d]

Is there any spiritual / prophetic meaning to this extended interrogation?

Consider: Passover sacrifice

^{Shmot/Ex 12.1-5} Now Adoni spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, "This month will mark the beginning of months for you... Tell all the congregation of Israel that **on the tenth day of this month**, each man is to take a lamb for his family one lamb for the household... **Your lamb is to be without blemish**, a year old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
[Why take the lamb as designated, separate 10th till 14th evening = 15th ?]

^{Shmot/Ex 12.6} **You must watch over it** [*mishmeret* משמרת] **until the fourteenth day of the same month.** Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight.

Yeshua was being inspected!

[10th till 14th Inspection. Maimonides ^{Hilchot Biath Hamikdash, c. 7. sect. 1.} *reckons no less than fifty blemishes in a creature, anyone of which makes it unfit for sacrifice.*

^{Vayikra/Lev 22.22} *The blind, injured, maimed, having an abnormal growth or festering or a running sore are not to be offered to Adoni.*

Yeshua had to be spiritually perfect to bear all our faults, sins, inconsistencies, attitudes, reactions to stress, to antagonism. Easy to be nice when honored. When ridiculed, mocked, exposed to vileness, how to we respond?]

מתתיהו Mattityahu
(Matthew) 22:36-39

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:36
"רַבִּי, אֵיזוֹהִי הַמִּצְוָה הַגְּדוֹלָה שֶׁבְּתוֹרָה?"

"Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?"

[Common rabbinic discussion point.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:37

הַשֵּׁיב לִּי יֵשׁוּעַ: "וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵבְבְךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ."

He told him, " 'You are to love Adonai your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'

[Quoting Dvarim/Dt 6.5 Parallel passage in Mark, also 6.4. Shma]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:38
זאת המצוה הגדולה והראשונה.

This is the greatest and most important mitzvah.
[Rabbis and Yeshua agree.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22:39
השנייה דומה לה: ואהבת לרעהך כמוך.

And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot."

[Interesting bit of word structure here, so there is a that language principle: The Hebrew word V'ahavta appears only three times in Scripture. Puts those sentences in a special classification:]

Gezerah shavah גזירה שוה ("Similar laws, similar verdicts")

ואהבת, את יי אלהיך, בכל-לבבך Dt 6.5

And you shall love Adoni your G-d

אהבת לרעהך כמוך: Lev 19.18

And you shall love your neighbor...

ואהבת את יי אלהיך Dt 11.1

And you shall love Adoni your G-d

[Loving G-d should → loving your neighbor. If it leads to harsh religion, it's NOT really loving G-d.

Philo and Josephus also co-joined loving G-d and neighbor.

Yet, is there really a GREATER commandment? In another sense, no.]

Matt.5.19-20 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness is far greater than that of the Torah-teachers and P'rushim, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

[All commandments are essential. So need to pour over the word, that we don't miss ANY. My wife is a recipe cook. ALL the ingredients, all the steps in sequence!]

Yaakov/Jas 2.10-11 For a person who keeps the whole Torah, yet stumbles at one point, has become guilty of breaking them all. For the One who said, "Don't commit adultery," also said, "Don't murder." Now, if you don't commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the Torah.

Rabbi (Judah) said... Be as scrupulous about a light commandment as of a weighty one, for you do not know the reward allotted for each commandment.

(m.Avot 2:1)

[<http://www.emethatorah.com/blog/2014/july-25/light-heavy-commandments-fact-or-fiction>
For example]

Dvarim 22.6-7 “If, as you are walking along, you happen to see a bird’s nest in a tree or on the ground with chicks or eggs, and the mother bird is sitting on the chicks or the eggs, you are not to take the mother with the chicks. You must let the mother go, but you may take the chicks for yourself; **so that things will go well with you, and you will prolong your life.**
[Serious consequence to what might seem trivial]

Shmot 20.12 **Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which Adoni your God is giving you.**
[Similar consequence to a much heavier commandment. Some said that THIS was the first and greatest commandment. Very famous story from about 30 years before Messiah Yeshua’s birth, about the greatest commandment:]

A Talmudic story contrasts Hillel (c. 110 BCE - CE 10) and Shammai (50 BCE – CE 30):
"It happened that a certain heathen came before Shammai and said to him, ‘Make me a proselyte, on condition that you teach me the whole Torah while I stand on one foot.’ Thereupon he [Shammai] repulsed him with the builder's cubit [stick] which was in his hand. When he went before Hillel, he said to him, ‘What is hateful to you, do not to your neighbor: that is the whole Torah, while the rest is the commentary thereof; go and learn it.’ (*Shab. 31a*)
No doubt knowing Hillel's maxim, the scribe was curious to see how Yeshua would answer.
*[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2/marknotes12.htm>
In fact, Yeshua’s answer is the central focus of most or all the writers of the Messianic Scriptures/ New Covenant.]*

Ro 13.8-10 **Owe no one anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the *Torah*. For the commandments—“You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,” and any other commandment — are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of the *Torah*.**

Yaakov 2 8 **If, however, you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.**
[One of my own favorites]

1 Yn 4.7-8 **Beloved friends, let us love one another; because love is from God; and everyone who loves has God as his Father and knows God. Those who do not love, do not know God; because God is love.**
[Many adjectives about G-d: holy, powerful, wise. This unique noun equivalence. NOT love = G-d. But very nature, essence.

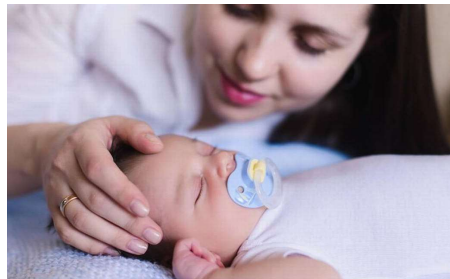
So, how important is love? Love of G-d, love of neighbor. Consider them in reverse order...]

In 1945, Austrian physician René Spitz investigated an orphanage that took extra care to make sure its infants were not infected with disease. The children received first-class nutrition and medical care, but they were barely touched to minimize their contact with germs.

The approach was a catastrophe. Thirty-seven percent of the babies died before reaching age 2.

The famous Grant Study investigated a set of men who had gone to Harvard in the 1940s.

The men who grew up in loving homes earned 50 percent more over the course of their careers than those from loveless ones. They suffered from far less chronic illness and much lower rates of dementia in old age. A loving home was the best predictor of life outcomes.



If the power of loving touch is astounding, the power of invasive touch is horrific. Christie Kim of NYU surveyed the research literature on victims of child sexual abuse. The victims experience higher levels of anxiety throughout their lifetimes. They report higher levels of depression across the decades and higher levels of self-blame. They are more than twice as likely to experience sexual victimization again.

It seems that the smarter we get about technology, the dumber we get about relationships. We live in a society in which loneliness, depression and suicide are on the rise. We seem to be treating each other worse.

[<http://www.kansascity.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/syndicated-columnists/article195643119.html> By David Brooks New York Times News Service January 21, 2018]

The guiding moral principle here is not complicated: Try to treat other people as if they possessed precious hearts and infinite souls. Everything else will follow. Even the least important of all people.

[Application now: turn to someone near you with appropriate affectionate touch. Mixed gender: arm, shoulder & kind words. "I appreciate you." You can say that even if you don't know them well, or even cause you pain. Pain → growth, if you respond right. Your chance to respond. Command about love is NOT nebulous. Applies to real people. These people. Further application to distressed:]

Mtt. 25.40-44 The King will say to them, 'Amen, I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left, 'Go away from Me, you cursed ones, into the everlasting fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in; naked and you did not clothe Me; sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' "Then they too will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not care for You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Amen, I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.' These shall go off to everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

In history, who have been **least**?

International Holocaust Remembrance Day, is an international memorial day on 27 January commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.

[When Jews were considered the least of all people.]

It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the murder by the Nazis and collaborators of an estimated

- 6 million Jewish people,
- 200,000 Romani [Gypsy] people,
- 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people, and
- 9,000 homosexual men

International Holocaust Remembrance Day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly on 24 January 2005 during which the United Nations General Assembly marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.



These nine Holocaust Survivors have come together to send you a message. It's unforgettable. For International Holocaust Remembrance Day, let's show them we are listening. Post your picture holding a sign with the words "We Remember"



[please encourage everyone to take selfies with their own We Remember signs and post to Facebook on Shabbat.]



Go to <https://youtu.be/Gf4IXjsPNtQ>
The other first commandment:
Loving G-d

What I'm about to say is possibly counterproductive. We love, appreciate and need servants to teach, greet, usher, do ppp, serve food, bring food, sing, play, mow, set up, plant, weed eat, etc., etc., etc.

*[Everyone who SERVES here, stand.
But, bigger picture...]*

Willow Creek Community congregation is an American non-denominational and multi-generational Evangelical mega-congregation located in the northwestern Chicago suburb of South Barrington, Illinois.



It was founded on October 12, 1975, by Bill Hybels, who is currently the senior pastor. It has three weekend services averaging 26,000 attendees.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willow_Creek_Community_congregation]

4 to 26,000 in 42 years.

Increased by ~23% per year.

*[Famous for volunteer culture. Book, *The Volunteer Revolution*]*

Decades after founding Willow Creek Community congregation in Chicago and his popular “seeker sensitive” approach to congregational growth, Pastor Bill Hybels commissioned a study to identify the **programs most effective** in producing spiritual growth. He and his leadership team were convinced that involvement in congregational activities—small groups, weekend worship services, volunteering, etc.—was the key to producing spiritual growth. They thought they only needed to identify which **activities** most successfully replicated the deepest levels of spirituality in order to implement congregation resources advantageously.

While the survey did identify some good traits about the congregation, some much more negative findings bothered Hybels so deeply that he “wanted to strangle the messengers.” He continued, “It was hard for me to admit that I’d poured thirty years of my life into this thing, and part of the findings showed that we’d fallen short in some ways.”

In reality, extensive involvement in congregational activity “barely moved people to love God and others more” (emphasis original). Only about fifty percent of the congregation claimed to “love God more than anything else,” and many of those felt spiritually stalled, unable to get to the next level, and considered the congregation no help to them. And they were on the verge of leaving.

The REVEAL study, later used in over a thousand congregations, categorizes four levels on The Spiritual Continuum:

- **Exploring Messiah** —Those who have a basic belief in God, are not yet born again, but are interested in who Yeshua is.
- **Growing in Messiah** —Those who are recently converted and learning what discipleship means.
- **Close to Messiah** —Those who are dedicated believers and are dependent on Messiah for daily life.
- **Messiah-Centered** —Those who have fully surrendered their personal dreams, desires, and agenda, and have exchanged them for Messiah’s.

[<https://www.gbs.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Gods-Revivalist-2018-JAN-FEB-web.pdf>]

The study revealed the deepest level of spirituality to be pitifully scarce. What astounded Hybels most was that, “By far the largest, toughest chasm is between those who are ‘Close to Messiah’ and those who are ‘Messiah Centered.’

People who are close to Messiah are still fundamentally self-centered. They believe ‘God is for me, and my plans, and my agenda in this world.’ Those who are truly Messiah-centered, however, are **fully surrendered.**”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willow_Creek_Community_congregation]

Hybel's congregation had no shortage of people who were dedicated to service, but stopped short of surrender.

We have a bit of a shortage of both, but primarily we need to surrender to Yeshua!!

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Do we love the least of all people?

Are we Messiah centered, fully surrendered? He is our joy.