

The Cult of Aharon



When *Moshe* (Moses) came down from the great smoking mountain on which he received the Torah at Sinai, he returned to the camps of Israel to find the most diabolical sight. The high priest, his brother *Aharon* (Aaron), had made a false god for the people, a great golden idol, and organized a pagan festival to this false god. Nor had the high priest restrained the people in their behavior, but

they were wild, out of control, unrestrained. Indeed *Aharon* the priest had given in to the popular desire for a false god, a replacement for YHVH who had just brought Israel miraculously out of Egypt. It seems almost unbelievable after what YHVH had done for them, but that is what Israel desired. So *Aharon* had collected the gold and organized the making of the Golden Calf, in his own words, and as we might conclude from common sense anyway, because of the will of the people. For when called upon for an explanation, *Aharon* only says in his defense, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, 'make us gods that shall go before us.'" (Exodus 32:22,23) The brother of *Moshe*, the high priest, one of the most righteous men of his generation, had compromised the faith of Israel.

Many readers look at this passage, and wonder why *Aharon* was not punished severely for this trespass. After all, many other trespasses in scripture are punished very quickly. Where is the punishment for the high priest? This is kind of a trick question though. It's kind of a trick question for a few reasons; number one, just because there is no immediate punishment pointed out doesn't mean that there was no punishment at all. It's very reasonable to suggest that he may indeed have been punished; for example, *Aharon* like every other Israelite born in Egypt but two men, never entered the promised land of Israel. He died with the others in the scorching wilderness. Not only that, but later *Aharon's* two sons, Nadab and Abihu, would be

struck dead by Elohim because of their “strange” offering they brought into the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle). Could this tragic loss of his sons due to vain worship be related to his own massive-scale idolatry? We can’t prove it, but it could likely be so. It’s true that traditional rabbinic commentary goes easy on *Aharon*, and tries to argue that he was trying to trick the people and buy some time, but rabbinic commentary is often fanciful and extra-biblical, and even the ancient rabbis don’t let *Aharon* off the hook completely.

Another reason asking why there is no immediate punishment for *Aharon* is a trick question is that *Aharon* isn’t the only one in the picture. Is he? There are also the Jewish people in the picture, and how did they fare? Well, it seems it is only powerful intercession by *Moshe* which tempered Elohim’s wrath from complete destruction to mere harsh punishment. For *Moshe* pleaded with Elohim saying, “YHVH why does your wrath burn hot against your people...Why should the Egyptians speak and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’?...Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore.” Then the Lord “relented” hearing these prayers by *Moshe*, who pleaded for mercy on Israel, calling upon the goodness of Elohim’s name and the



promises to the fathers. Yet even in mercy Israel was punished greatly for its idolatry. First *Moshe* took the golden calf “burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.” Later, and more chillingly, after only a portion of Israel would repent, YHVH told the Levites (priests), “Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and **let**

every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor’...and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.” (Exodus 32:27,28) This bloody punishment may not have fallen on the throat of *Aharon* the high priest, but it is punishment nonetheless, related to the very idolatrous act *Aharon* had facilitated. Moreover, while *Aharon* and the other priests did not lose their lives because of the golden calf, isn’t having to slaughter your own companions a form of very harsh punishment? Isn’t having to kill your neighbors a punishment? It seems to me truly that it is.

Therefore *Aharon* suffered greatly for the sin of the golden calf. He suffered greatly for becoming compromised. He suffered greatly for caving to the will of the people. He built the idol. He organized the orgies. And he suffered for it.

We have one too, like *Moshe*, who will come down from above to meet us in the camps. We have one too who seems to tarry, but who will return swiftly. Yet this one is not mere man, but man-God, and He does not come down from a mountain, but from the heavens, and that is *Mashiach* (Christ) our Savior. The question I pose is will our Savior return to find His people worshipping Elohim and restrained in love by His law, or will He, like the humble deliverer of the Jewish people, my people, return to find the worship of a golden calf? Return to find idolatry? Return to find the people have risen up to play, are deeply corrupted, have turned aside from the path and are unrestrained? My answer to this question, and it brings no joy to give it, is that *Mashiach* our Lord will find the latter. He will find His people reveling in ungodly worship and ungodly behavior. He will find His people in idolatry and He will be full of wrath towards us.

For the *Kahol* (Church) is at this moment so far removed from the Word of God, so far beyond biblical or historical Christianity, that it is a nearly unrecognizable body. The *Kahol* itself is worshipping falsely. Or perhaps I'd put it, the *Kahol* itself is dancing about the false god of its own making. As you might expect, the reasons for this contemporary Golden Calf are much the same as the reasons for the one made of real gold over three thousand years ago – a disobedient people who demanded false gods, and a priest who bent to their pressure and compromised the faith. Surely every soul bears some responsibility for this, but here I write



primarily of our modern *Aharons*, or our modern priests. For isn't the highest culpability on those who have the highest responsibility? It is our leaders who have forsaken their duty to lead the Savior's children in obedience to the Word of God, and sought terrible compromise with the world instead. They have long since sacrificed their principles to the disastrous point that the Body of Messiah itself looks like a false idol. The problem is in persons. The problem is also in institutions. It simply looks like a

false Church.

That doesn't mean that every individual in ministry is possessed with malicious intent of course. Far from it. I tend to presume that only a small minority of ministers are complete fakes. That percentage may go up in the wealthiest and most popular arenas, but in your average church or messianic congregation, I take the number of fakers to be small. So how does a man of sincere intent end up looking remarkably like a fake? How does an otherwise honest man end up a liar? It happens through compromise, through sacrificing the Word of God for something else. It happens through caving in to threats or caring too much about church growth. Would anyone really contest that? Leaders don't have to be villainous monsters in their souls to create this abomination of a Church. *Aharon* didn't have to either. While being otherwise sincere believers, they only have to sacrifice divine truth for something else. They need not be monsters; only to bend with the wind.



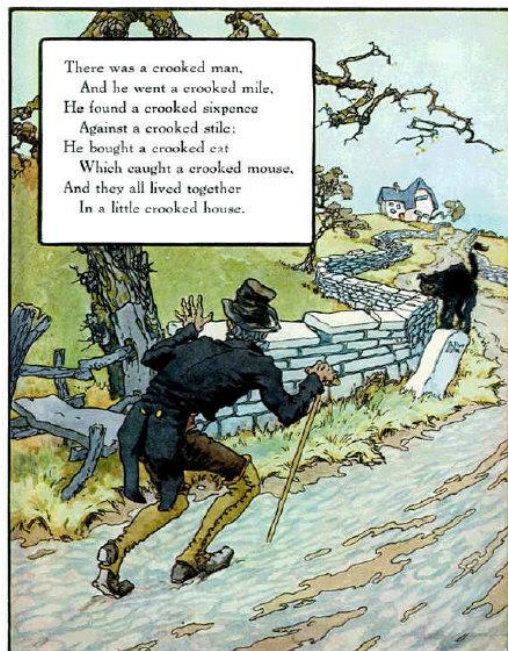
You don't have to be one of these guys to end up a villain.
All you have to do is **compromise the word of God.**

To briefly paint the picture (and it's possible you brothers already know what I mean) the leaders of the *Kahol* are entrusted to teach divine truth and to lead in righteous behavior. This is a very high calling, a calling to be a shepherd, to be a representative of *Mashiach* on a level that no one else is. Yet let's look at how leaders commonly treat this incredible responsibility. Do they treat to Word of God as the bottom line in making decisions? No, not really. They treat the cash flow as the bottom line instead. Ask them the truth regarding spiritual matters, and they do not go to sound doctrine. They look at how their constituents will respond. They ask who will continue to be their friend. Who will leave them? What's the cash flow bottom line? Ask them the truth regarding, as one example, divorce and remarriage in the congregation, and they will give you the answer that will keep as many friends as they can, and lose as few. I kid you not. I'm not bashing anyone here either. This is common and normal. Ask leaders the truth about biblical gender roles, and again they will give you the answer measured to keep many supporters and lose few. Ask the truth about other doctrines and same thing. They will aim for the popular answer. You see a shepherd is to lead the sheep and to feed the sheep. A shepherd is NOT to follow the sheep over any old cliff, yet this is what our modern Church of *Aharon*, our Cult of *Aharon* does. It follows the herd. Yet a Church which follows the herd can no more feed the sheep and no more lead the sheep than a frog can dance. It's just not the activity the creature is designed to do. Leading sheep is not an activity the Cult of *Aharon* is designed to do. It is designed to follow them.



Now before I even get to the hard and painful solution to this problem, let me remind you of what happens to anyone who wishes to change this current collapse of the *Kahol*. For the *Kahol* does not want to change for the better. The *Kahol* does not want to repent. It will reject calls for change no matter where they come from. If it is an ordinary congregant who wants change, what will the Cult of *Aharon* do? Naturally, it will nod its head, express concern for the problem, and then spout a few political-sounding phrases that it thinks everyone can agree on. It will proceed to do nothing useful at all to change the situation. If the ordinary congregant demands change more strongly, the Cult of *Aharon* will attack with accusations and emotional slander,

claiming that the prophetic calls for change come from a mean, arrogant, divisive person, who doesn't know how to be loving. Of course this is a lie, but at times it is a very effective one. Lastly, they will tell the person calling for us to better ourselves to just leave if they don't like it, or even kick him out. The Cult of *Aharon* does not want to change. Now what if the call to change comes from a minister or assistant of some kind? Well, the situation isn't that different here. They will first try satiating the minister with useless political phrases. Then they will accuse the minister of being prideful or of having some hidden agenda. Finally, they will threaten the minister's job, his cash flow, which is EXACTLY what they themselves are worried about: The cash flow. So if a man of God of the *Kahol* calls for our repentance, he will quickly be silenced or annihilated. Well, what about the heads of churches or denominations? What happens when they call for change? As you might imagine, the principles are the same. A pastor who starts preaching the whole counsel of God, those unpopular teachings of our Lord no one wants to hear, will first receive pressure from below, in congregants getting angry and threatening to walk out. Okay. There goes the cash flow. He will also experience lateral pressure, from other pastors and ministry "friends" that he is being controversial and this talk will harm him. The pastor knows these are no vain threats, and he has a choice to either speak the Word of God or lose his church. Maybe lose his salary. Lose his house. Go bankrupt. Worse yet in his own eyes, be loathed by many. So the shepherd nearly always shuts his mouth and refuses to speak the Word of God. You see this is the situation. The Body of Messiah is corrupted, from bottom to top, and our leaders, our modern *Aharons* nearly always cave to the pressure to be modern. They go with the will of the people. They build the Golden Calf.



To get a little bit into the effects of this terrible crookedness, let me just list a few of them. We have leaders who have dismantled Christian marriage because of the will of the people. We have leaders who will not teach about sin, judgment and repentance because of the will of the people. We have leaders who have blatantly ignored biblical gender roles because of the will of the people. We have leaders who have abandoned two thousand years of teaching against contraception because of the will of the people and refuse to ever, ever, no matter what you say, open their mouths to speak the truth. Moreover, we have leaders that give mere lip service to the mass murder of abortion, shaking their heads and nodding how sad it is, while the cattle cars

roar past their back doors. We have leaders that ignore simple common sense modesty because of the will of the people. We have leaders which will not, as was done for centuries, maintain standards and discipline among church members because of the will of the people. In fact our priests, our *Aharons* have bent and been flexible so much one wonders why they continue to maintain their opposition to homosexuality – is it because of sound doctrine? Is it because of the Word of God? Or is it merely because their constituents aren't quite ready for it yet?

The meltdown of leadership is heavy in the theological arena as well. For many leaders today tolerate and even support heretics such as Modalists, who deny the Trinity. Why do they do this? The answer is easy. They do so primarily to make more friends. Moreover, they tolerate not just the aberrancy of the Charismatic movement, but are also silent in the face of its most ridiculous and heretical elements. Our leaders do next to nothing as these demons promote hyper-



emotional “worship”, teach spiritual errors so severe they sound like Mormon theology, and convince the bulk of the third world that God wants them to get rich. Very few of our modern *Aharons* will boldly speak out against this. The rest remain silent. Or even facilitate it. Why? They do it to make friends. And in doing so they help hucksters to deceive and poison countless millions of souls. There is the picture for you. The cash flow is more important than countless millions of souls. Ministry friendship is more important than millions of souls. Being liked and popular is more important than millions of souls. So go ahead and let those souls be poisoned by the doctrines of the devil, as long as you get your paycheck. Isn't

that right, *Aharon*?

I know many of our pastors are thinking that they, like the high priest and brother of *Moshe*, might escape this debacle without chastisement by God, but if this is the case, I must remind you again, that *Aharon* certainly suffered plenty even if the Torah doesn't tell us he was punished. Do our pastors want to suffer the same? To be left to die in the wilderness as *Aharon*? To lose two of their children as *Aharon*? To have to cut the throats of the same people they have pandered to? To slaughter their own companions? Their congregants? Their deacons? Not only do I give you that warning beloved, but I must also remind you of what else

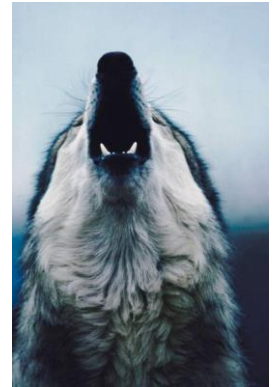


scripture says of false teachers. The apostle Kefa (Peter) tells us, ***“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction....for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”*** (2 Peter 2:1,3) We are also instructed in 2 Timothy, ***“Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth.**”*** (2 Timothy 4:2,3,4) The book of Romans describes flattering teachers with new false doctrines, saying ***“Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”*** (Romans 16:17-18) Perhaps little has changed since the time of the prophet Jeremiah, who gave us this warning in his day: ***“The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?”*** (Jeremiah 5:31) Of course let us not forget one of the final warnings to false teachers before the hammer came down on Second Temple Israel: ***“Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.”*** (Matthew 3:7-10)

Does any of that sound familiar to you? False teachers? Men with flattering lips? False doctrines? What the people love to hear? An imminent terrible judgment? Do not think that there will not be judgment for the incredible compromises the *Kahol* has made. That judgment has in some respects already begun. It is most evident in the utter inability of the *Kahol* to lead in righteousness, as well as its obviously hypocritical witness to the world. It is struck dumb as a witness because it seeks to show the world the Savior’s goodness, His character, yet all the while living as worldly men and boldly attacking anyone who points this out. Not only is the witness an atrocious one, but brothers and sisters in the *Kahol*, which is meant to be a holy community, are suffering much the same terrors of sin as the world, suffering divorces, broken homes, drug abuse, materialism, sexual immorality, androgyny, moral and spiritual confusion and it doesn’t look as if it’s going to stop. This is not the standard of perfection I’m holding the Body of Messiah to here; it is merely the standard of making a good heart effort to preach the faith and seek righteousness as a community. That is the standard I am looking at, and we are

not trying at all. This is as dismal a sight as *Moshe* must have seen coming down from the mountain. What is going on in the Church is **evil**. It is evil. It is evil.

Lastly, before I get into solutions, this terrible monstrosity is upheld by one big compulsive rationalization. That rationalization is this: **At least we all believe in Jesus**. Now I have had this weak defense for evil told to me face to face before, and it sounded so preposterous, it was almost an insult. You know, the logic of writing off much of what our Creator instructs us, and then using as an excuse a shared belief in the Savior (and even then often a differing one) just doesn't contain any logical flow. I mean if someone were driving a car off a cliff, should we not say anything, because at least we all believe in Jesus? If someone left loaded guns lying around



unattended toddlers, should we not do anything, because at least we all believe in Jesus? One simply cannot **trash the Temple**, piss on the altar, topple the Menorah and steal the show bread and then try and escape criticism because, my brother, at least we all believe in Jesus. That's a very cheap out. What's going on in the Body of Messiah is ungodly, it deserves harsh criticism, and it needs to change.

In light of that dismal reality and need for change, I'm going to present two calls to action that will provoke restoration. I am asking you, beloved reader, if you work in the *Kahol*, to see them as your possible paths:

1) Obey God. Yes, obey God. I know that sounds simple, but it's not so simple when there are many pressures on you as a minister or pastor to simply go with the flow despite our call to righteousness. So to put this in more perspective: **Obey God above the cash flow**. That's right, not just above popularity or likeability, but above the cash flow. Does our Savior, who **purchased us by His perfect blood**, deserve any less? Does He deserve any lower priority? That means I am asking you to stand with the Word of God no matter what the pressure and no matter what others are telling you to do. Be willing to lose it all. Be willing to fail. Be willing to have men and women walk out on you. The truth from God is more than worth it and if you

suffer for your stand, consider it a blessing and an honor from Almighty God. His greatest servants go through His greatest tests.

I realize I am asking ministers to take an enormous risk in doing this, and I have asked believers in multiple arenas to take risks before. But not only am I convinced those risks are worth the possible loss, but I am NOT asking you to do anything I have not done myself many times before. I do not come to you as a hypocrite asking you to be superheroes where I would never even step up. I presented the Word of God over and over when I worked as a teacher in China, uncompromisingly, and it never stopped me that I might lose my job for sharing it. I also spoke the truth continually in ministry for over two years despite numerous times having my job threatened to my face. I have faced the consequences of taking stands myself. At times I have suffered them. I did not take those stands because of any worthiness in myself, but because of the simple and incredible grace of Yeshua open to all who believe. So I am not asking you to do anything I am unwilling to do myself. Only stand with the biblical truth against all opposition, and ask Elohim to use that stand by His grace to restore His holy Bride. Ask God to use that stand as his instrument. We have a Father who answers the prayers of His children. Would He give us a stone, if we asked for bread? I ask you ministers to stand with the biblical truth. I ask you pastors to have courage.

To make one last point in that regard brothers, I remind you that each of us ought to be willing to die for our faith. Many of us proclaim that we ARE willing to die for it. But if we are willing to die for our faith it is natural we should also be willing to suffer loss for that same faith because that faith calls for righteousness. I mean, take a look at Hebrews 11, at the great men of faith. Look at how many of them took risks, suffered loss, not just martyrdom. Avraham went out from his country following Adonai. Yitzchak and Yaakov too trusted deeply in God. None of the great patriarchs was martyred. Many of the judges as well did not suffer martyrdom, nor did all of the prophets, only some. Yet they were faithful to Elohim through many trials. "They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented -- of whom the world was not worthy." (Hebrew 11:37-38) These are the champions of our faith beloved. They took the risks. They took the stands. They suffered loss. How can we not do the same? I realize many of you do not wish to go out of business, so to speak. Nevertheless, if business involves deceiving people about the Word of God, perhaps it really is **better to go bankrupt**. Perhaps that's choice number one.

2)The second call to action is a call to restore the sound doctrinal statements which have been torn apart over the years. Many today are weaned on the milk that doctrine does not matter, but that is not what scripture says. In fact some of doctrine relates directly to justification, which is about as much as anything can possibly matter. While other doctrine may not be so directly connected to salvation, it still represents the instructions of our God for our lives, and which of those instructions, I would ask any of you, do you believe don't matter? It's hard for me to think of any. The relatively recent idea that doctrine doesn't matter is obviously a part of the moral madness and heresy that's prevalent in the *Kahol*. Therefore, I am calling for a meeting of leaders to rally around divine truth and build doctrinal statements which try to cover the bulk of scripture and inform us about our faith. Sound doctrinal statements are based on the Word, they were good enough for millions of faithful devoted believers for centuries; what business does anyone have of abandoning them?

While this gathering of leaders and faithful spirits might take some time, my second part to this suggestion is on the level of the individual congregations or individual organizations. Leaders there can start to both expand their own faith statements to make them more biblical, as well as draw firm lines about what teachers and ideas they will promote. In this day when the most outrageous false teachings are accepted for the sake of ministry friendship, I suggest putting up a fence and keeping out the worst. That means more than refusing to work with those who deny the Deity of Yeshua. It would include Modalists. It would include the little gods preachers. It would include the word faith teachers. It would include feminists. I realize that list covers a great many ministries, and the large majority of the Pentecostal movement, but these people have gone off the deep end, and why should you, dear shepherd, be involved in spreading their lies? You should give them correction instead, and no matter what money they wave at you, demand that they mend their ways. That is the least that you can do, and from a larger Church perspective, it is only the start. Let's sit down at a meeting and draw some doctrinal lines.

I know there is a natural tendency to think no one has the right to dictate these things to you, nor to correct you. There is a natural feeling that once a person has some "anointing" he is above the need for correction. But the fact is, a liar is a liar is a liar, anointing or no. It seems there is furthermore a tendency to attack with pejoratives and ministry insults anyone calling strongly for change. But isn't this little more than fear, defensiveness and ego? Because at the end of the day what matters is if the observations are true, not whether the person doing the correction deserves some mouthful of pejoratives. So the question is – are you doing your best to represent the teachings in the Word of God and lead the community diligently in holiness? It is my observation that churches are certainly not doing this. Not even close. If that is true then

it must change. Leaders must give up their shameful disregard for scripture, and take on doing their best to teach the faith.

That brings us back again to our original *Kohein Gadol* (High Priest). The man who led one of the most famous acts of idolatry and apostasy described in the whole Bible. Where was his judgment, many ask. Where was his punishment? While I have tried to answer that question in part already, I think I'll point to what may be the strongest reason we don't see an obvious judgment on *Aharon* for creating the Golden Calf. Why? Because *Aharon* repented. He admitted his mistake and ended his collaboration with evil. *Moshe* called out, "'Whoever is on the LORD's side – come to me!' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him." (Exodus 32:26) You see *Aharon* returned to Adonai's side. He returned to Adonai's representative's side. So while I naturally call upon the prophetic warnings of the Bible for those who teach falsely, I also am confident in God's forgiveness in repentance, and am confident in God's grace toward restoration, when our leaders find the real humility to repent. To come clean and rebuke their sins. Do we really want to wait until our Chief and Head returns from His sacred mountain? Do we want to see his wrath poured out on our neighbors or on ourselves? Please end the apostasy, and come back over to our Lord's side. Restore the rightful worship of the *Kahal*. Restore the holiness of the Bride.

A Minister's Prayer

Father God, Lord of all creation, Dad,

I come before you in great trouble

My soul is grieved

And Lord and I exalt You,

I love You Lord God before all things,

I love all You are and all You do

You sustain Your servant, and all living things by Your grace,

You save us by Your mercy, and bring us into your Son

You are holy and righteous and true forever

Dad, I come to You for forgiveness,
Please forgive me Dad, for forsaking Your holy Word
For giving in to pressure, which was so heavy,
I was afraid, and I betrayed You
I'm sorry Dad, please forgive me for my weakness,
Forgive me for my untruth, forgive me for refusing to speak Your Word
For fearing, for not being bold, for not trusting in You and Your strength
And instead trusting in myself, I was too weak Dad
Please forgive me

I rebuke my fear, I rebuke my deception, I rebuke my failures of faith and trust
Take them far from me forever good Lord
Take them as far away as the furthest star is from the earth
Rid me of them and any impurity or anything which displeases You
That I may serve You as a shepherd and as a pastor
To Your glory

Help me Dad,
Help me to teach the sheep, to lead them to good pastures
To give them good food
Help me to stay true to your holy Word even in the face of great pressure
Even if they threaten to take all I have away from me
Help me Lord to stay true to You

To be a good pastor, as You are the Good Pastor

Give me the strength, give me the words, guide me, Dad

I know with You these things are possible

I know with You we can lead Your sheep in righteousness, in holiness

As a community in truth with love

Not just in the teachings that are popular

But in the teachings also which are hated and abhorred

Help me to pastor, and forgive me these sins.

Help me restore Your Bride Lord God

Help me to restore your Bride

Yes Lord, for You are good

Yes Lord, Yes Lord

In the name of Your perfect eternal Son

Yeshua HaMashiach

Amen.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)

So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." (Exodus 34:8-9)

