

WHAT IS INIQUITY?

1John 3:4 (KJV) *“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**”* According to Strongs Greek Lexicon, the word that is translated “transgression of the law”, here, means-“anomia”, from 459; illegality, in violation of the law, or wickedness. There is a fascinating word study that can be done when we examine all the verses that this word, and also “anomos” (458), is translated to. His law is what tells us what sin is. They say His law has been replaced by “love”, but it is His law that teaches us HOW to love one another and love Him with all our heart. This is the original purpose of the law. We must consider that the very definition of living righteously is to live according to His Torah of love. We have all failed, but His law includes a provision for that also; it’s called **MERCY**. Yah is righteous, therefore He has to have mercy. Being merciful is a part of being righteous, and mercy is a part of His law!

Remember Yeshua said “the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith”. **Matt. 23:23** (KJV) *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and **have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**”* Not only is mercy part of the law, but it is one of the weightier matters of the law”.

We see many examples of the transgression of the law today. We hear plenty of messages from mainstream Christianity telling us about His grace and mercy--and that's great--but there are very few verses on REPENTING and living righteously by living according to His commandments! When all the while it is repentance that is required from our hearts to even receive His mercy. Many say that His law is a burden and need not be kept. This is so far from the truth! It is Satan’s grand deception! **2Ths. 2:7** (KJV) *“For the mystery of **iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”* Guess where the word “iniquity” comes from in this verse. It is anomia (the same word translated “transgression of the law” in 1John 3:4). Continuing in **2Ths. 2:11** (KJV) *“And for this cause **Yah shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**”* If one doesn’t love His truth, His Word, Yah will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. If delusion is from Yah, it is sure to be strong! If one doesn’t love His word (all of it), then how can they LOVE Yeshua, who is the Word? **2Ths. 2:12** (KJV) *“That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, **but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**”* They had pleasure in “unrighteousness”. Unrighteousness is sin and sin is breaking/transgressing Yah’s laws, as we discussed earlier.

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So, if they loved not the truth, if instead they had pleasure in unrighteousness, and unrighteousness is sin, and sin is transgression of the law, then the fact remains that most people who accept the Messiah are not fully REPENTING, because they are taught they need not repent of breaking Yah’s laws! That is what the pastors teach.

Matt. 7:23 (KJV) *“And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity.**”* The word that is translated “iniquity” in this verse; guess what it is?



“Anomia”, the same word used in 1John 3:4, transgression of the law! The “Mystery of Anomia” is at work today, all around us. **Rev. 14:12** (KJV) ***“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Yah, and the faith of Messiah”*** Yah has promised to lead us in the paths of righteousness when we seek. **Matt. 6:33** (KJV) ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of Yah, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*** **Matt. 5:6** (KJV) ***“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*** **Ps. 23:3** (KJV) ***“He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”*** Where does it say “those commandment keepers get thrown into the lake of fire”? Sin is not iniquity, but iniquity is sin. The “iniquity” spoken of in our Good Book, by Yeshua, is “adikia” or “anomia”. Most any churchman will tell you iniquity is sin. The churches will tell you that sin is iniquity and iniquity is sin. The truth is that there is a big difference between sin and iniquity.

The word for iniquity, rebellion, and all evil consequences of rebellion is often said to be avon (as in “avon calling”), aven, evel, avah, havvah or even resha. This is an incorrect statement and misuse of these words.

I will tell you that a big part of the mystery of iniquity is to have you believe that sin is the same thing as iniquity. Under the re-newed covenant, sealed by the Blood of Yeshua, there is a very important difference.

We know that sin is the transgression of the law (1John 3:4). Iniquity also involves a transgression of the law but it is more than that.

A good old dictionary, printed before 1950 will give you the truth almost every time. “Iniquity is gross injustice”.

Let me say it again -- **Iniquity is GROSS INJUSTICE.** The most GROSS INJUSTICE is to say that the Righteous Judge of all the Universe, is wrong in any judgment. That is precisely what we do whenever we excuse or cover our sin. Excusing one's sin is iniquity. When we cover our own sin or excuse our sin, or rationalize our sin, or fail to agree with Yah that our sin is sin, we turn that sin into iniquity. Adam's sin of eating the forbidden fruit turned to iniquity when he said in **Gen. 3:12** ***“The woman whom***

Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me.."

Iniquity is when we excuse or cover or hide our own sin. Then it turns into iniquity. Yah, the Righteous Judge, says if you transgressed the law, and you say anything other than to ask forgiveness through the Blood of Yeshua, it turns to iniquity. Only the power of the Blood of Yeshua covers the sin and EMPOWERS me, by that same power of the Blood of Yeshua to STOP DOING THAT SIN. If I hide sin, or fail to agree with Yah, or do not purpose to stop and turn away from the sin, then it turns into iniquity.

Mixing spirituality and lawlessness is the ultimate absurdity of Christian lawlessness. This is the essence of the mystery of iniquity, which seems to have become full in these last few years. The world is on a collision course with judgment. The judgment will begin with the house of Yah.

1Pet. 4:17 (KJV) ***"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of Yah: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of Yah?"***

2John 1:10-11 (KJV) *"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Yah's speed: For he that biddeth him Yah's speed is partaker of his evil deeds."*

When we repent, we agree with Yah that we were wrong; and, we agree to turn away and stop that sin. When we repent, then through the power of the Blood of Yeshua, Yah will have mercy and cover that sin, and throw it in the sea of forgetfulness. Yah will give you power through the Blood of Yeshua to stop that sin. He will not bring it up to you again. Yah is a merciful Yah who forgives sin. The Blood of Yeshua will not only cover that sin; but, empower you not to transgress again.

You see, the real Messiah Yeshua, came to save sinners. He cannot and will not save workers of iniquity. He will not forgive iniquity. In fact, iniquity cannot be forgiven. Iniquity is gross injustice, which, instead of saying "so be it" to the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit, says everybody sins every day.

When enough iniquity is heaped up, iniquity becomes full, and one will no longer hear the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit. Iniquity gives any excuse or any covering of any sin other than pleading for mercy through the Blood of Yeshua.

Let me give you a very good reason why you need to understand the difference between sin and iniquity. **Matt. 7:22-23** ***"Many will say to me in that day, Elohim, Elohim, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*** Is it iniquity to say that everybody sins every day? Is that a work of iniquity?

Could "Once saved always saved" be considered iniquity? In propagating such false doctrines does one become a worker of iniquity? Is the profession of la la land pre-trib rapture doctrine a work of iniquity? May be tough questions, but not nearly as tough as standing before the Righteous Judge and Creator of the Universe as a worker of iniquity!

Our precious and mighty Judge will punish us for our iniquities. We must cease sinning daily and offer ourselves up daily as a living sacrifice so that we can be used and lead by Yah's Spirit in us.

The following verses give us an idea of how serious iniquity can be.

Gen. 4:13 “And Cain said to Adonai, “**My punishment is too great to bear!**

1Sam. 28:10 “And Saul vowed to her by Adonai, saying, “As Adonai lives, there shall no **punishment** come upon you for this thing.”

Lam. 4:6 “For the **iniquity** of the daughter of my people Is greater than the sin of Sodom, Which was overthrown as in a moment, And no hands were turned toward her.”

Lam. 4:22 “**{The punishment} of your iniquity** has been completed, O daughter of Zion; He will exile you no longer. **{But} He will punish your iniquity**, O daughter of Edom; He will expose your sins!”

Isa. 53:5 “But He was pierced through for our transgressions, **He was crushed for our iniquities**; The chastening for our well-being **{fell}** upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”

There will be no workers of iniquity in the Kingdom of Yah. The Kingdom of Yah is filled with Believers. The kingdom of Yah is filled with redeemed, forgiven sinners. The kingdom of Yah will not have workers of iniquity. A worker of iniquity is anyone who makes any excuse for sin. Any excuse for any sin, is iniquity.

Yah forgives sins. Only the True Yah can forgive sins. That is how you know the True Yah. That is what distinguishes the True God from all the false gods. Only the True Yah forgives sins. The false gods can counterfeit almost anything, but they cannot forgive sins.

Anyone who will not admit, or covers or hides his sin, turns that sin into iniquity. Yah does not forgive iniquity. When the Righteous Judge convicts by His Holy Spirit, we must agree and repent or we will NOT be in the Kingdom of Yah. How many in our present Laodicean church age even try to hear His voice?

The problem with iniquity is that in making the excuse for the sin we not only refuse to repent, but we call Yah an unjust or unrighteous Judge. We judge Yah when we excuse our sin and turn it into iniquity.

For any sin to be forgiven you must admit it is sin. It is not a mistake. Everyone does not do it. Everyone does not sin every day. Are you redeemed if you sin every day? What are you redeemed from? If you are redeemed from sin, you stop sinning. **Ps. 38:4** “**For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.**” (KJV) Even David was troubled by iniquity. The difference between David and many today, is that David was troubled by his iniquity. Then there is hope. Today, Satan and his luciferian new world order is trying to wear out the patience of the saints. David also talks about being under a demonic attack from a plaguing spirit of discouragement! Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and a demonic attack of discouragement. The difference is hope. Seek diligently to see if you have covered, or made any excuse for any sin. Be like David the man after Yah's heart, who would DO all His will. **Ps. 38:18** “**For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.**” (KJV)

At the same time, once we have stopped making any excuse for any sin, and agreed with El emet that it is sin, and asked that the sin be covered by the Blood of Yeshua, don't let Satan beat you up with any past and forgiven sin. It is a demonic discouraging spirit that would say that any sin that you have asked El emet to cover by the

Blood and firmly purposed to stop, is not forgiven, not gone, and not forgotten by El emet. The spirit behind any past confessed and stopped sin, comes straight from the bowels of hell. In these days when the luciferian new world order is trying to wear out the patience of the saints, you need to understand that you will be attacked. You will be attacked by a demonic discouraging spirit. The answer is the Blood of Yeshua, and not making excuses for sin. Keeping the accounts short. Know the time will come when every dedicated believer is overwhelmed by this sudden and unexpected experience.

The answer is the Blood of Yeshua! No Believer brings it on himself unless he excuses his sin, nor does Adonai send it. Such an attack usually has nothing to do with any specific sin, unless an excuse has turned it to iniquity. The answer is always the Blood of Yeshua. Any sin that has been confessed and covered by the Blood of Yeshua will not be brought up by the Holy Spirit. El emet has put it in His sea of forgetfulness.

Iniquity, and the spirit of discouragement are two of Satan's most potent weapons against Yah's elect. Most often, he uses it to try to convince us we've brought Yah's wrath upon ourselves by not measuring up to his holy standards. But the apostle Paul urges us not to fall prey to the devil's snare: **2Cor. 2:11** *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"* Paul is saying, *"You have to see your discouragement for what it really is!"* It is a demonic weapon — an arrow that Satan shoots at you from his quiver to get you to doubt yourself. He knows he can't tempt you to turn away from Yeshua. So he swamps you with vicious lies to make you think you'll never be good enough to serve Messiah. Do not ever let it become a question of how good we are. The answer is always the Power of the Blood of Yeshua. Satan has got you if he can get you to excuse a sin, and he will try to make you feel good on your way to hell. If you have confessed it and stopped it, then Satan wants to get you so downcast that you'll want to throw in the towel! No way, that is when you are to praise Yah for the power of the blood of Yeshua. Praise Him in all things.

Ps. 38:9 *"Yahveh, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee."*

Ps. 38:21 *"Forsake me not, O Yahveh: O my God, be not far from me."*

Ps. 38:22 *"Make haste to help me, O Yahveh my salvation."*

Let me give you horse choking truth about iniquity. There is nothing more GROSS than the INJUSTICE or iniquity which would say that everybody sins every day. Brokenness, troubles, depression, mourning, sickness — all of these things can bow our spirit low. We can feel empty, without direction, like we have learned nothing over the years. We can feel like we have lost our vision and revelation of Yah. We can feel like we can't reach Yah like we used to!

Have we hidden any sin from Yah? Do we have any unconfessed sin? That is the only question worth asking. If we have no hidden sin, then we need to praise Yah for the Blood of Yeshua.

We have become overwhelmed with discouragement. There are times I felt that I was a total failure for Adonai. Unless there is hidden sin, INIQUITY, I will guarantee those feelings are from Satan. In either case, that is when we need to go to Adonai for the Power of the Blood of Yeshua! Otherwise we become a target for the powers of hell, especially right after great spiritual victories.

Sometimes this heavy, demonic spirit can even prevent us from coming to Adonai,

too down and discouraged to even lift our hands up to Him. You can get so down you can't pray, too confused to speak. Then is the time to shout "Blood of Yeshua"! "Blood of Yeshua"! When being attacked or in any doubt, shout the "Blood of Yeshua". The power of the Blood of Yeshua is so great that the only real enemy we have is ourselves. If we fall into the greatest trap of the devil, to fail to confess AND STOP any sin, thereby turning that sin into iniquity.

Never give space for iniquity or unbelief. The only two things that can bring us down is iniquity or unbelief. That is how we know when a church or minister has gone apostate. The most sure sign of apostasy will be an excuse for sin, "like everybody sins every day". Yeshua says, **"GO AND SIN NO MORE!"** Cut sin no slack. If you are being taught such a perverse doctrine run from such a place, or minister. Yeshua, saves you from the law of sin and death and gives the Power of the HOLY Spirit to stop sinning.

It is the Holy Spirit who not only convicts you of sin but KEEPS you from unbelief. The difference between belief and faith is the Holy Spirit. Faith is belief plus the Holy Spirit.

David Wilkerson says, *"We can talk to Yah all we want about our feelings of failure. We can tell him about our despair over our sins and foolish mistakes. But we are never to entertain the thought that he has abandoned us. This is a serious accusation, and our Yah doesn't take it lightly"* That is why the only two things we need be concerned about is iniquity or unbelief. Don't ever think you will get away with hiding or excusing a sin or thinking Adonai has abandoned you. Yah will not allow such unbelief among His people! After all that our precious Yah has done for us, the most hurtful accusation we can make against Him is that He has neglected us. We are to beware of such unbelief, especially in our difficult times. Don't allow iniquity or unbelief. Even at his lowest point, David wouldn't allow himself to wallow in unbelief. He cried, **Ps. 38:15** *"For in thee, O Yah, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Yah my Elohim"*

When you endure an attack from a demonic spirit of discouragement, don't try to escape the attack through your own wits. You're no match for the demonic spirit you're up against. The Blood of Yeshua is the way. Blood of Yeshua! The battle is far beyond your human skill or physical power to wage. It will not be overcome by talking it out with friends, or by books, seminars, or counselors. The conflict is in the spiritual realm, and it has to be fought in the spirit. The example of David under this attack in Psalm 38 is fantastic. First he would not allow UNBELIEF and then he checked for INIQUITY. His questions were not doubts about Yah. David did not know about the Blood of Yeshua. If he did you can bet your last penny he would have been shouting "Blood of Yeshua", "Blood of Yeshua"! David experienced despair and depression because of his sin. He endured Adonai's chastening when he numbered his fighting men, which was against Yah's will. He felt the pain of Yah's rod when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and arranged to have her husband murdered. His heart broke with dejection over the judgment he brought on his family because of these sins. David Himself was demonically possessed, He realized it and dealt with it.

We can be discouraged because of our sins. That is good, and we should endure the chastening of Adonai. We should also understand that in these last days sin and disobedience can be deadly. We must stop sinning. We must not hide or excuse any sin

and turn it into INIQUITY. Many Believers today are discouraged because of their sins. Some are depressed because the Holy Spirit has wanted to bring them into victory, but they resist. They've chosen the way of the flesh, and bought the lie that everybody sins every day, and that always leads to pain and discouragement. We must be repentant Believers. The only true Believers are repentant Believers. The walk of repentance is the way of salvation. We must seek Sar Shalom with all our hearts. If we are attacked by the kind of discouragement that comes upon us suddenly, out of nowhere, for no apparent reason, don't be dumbfounded. Expect it. Guard against UNBELIEF and INIQUITY and stand on the Power of the Blood of Yeshua. When the attack comes, don't think it's unusual. Yah allows this kind of fiery testing with all His saints. Peter writes, **1Pet. 4:12** *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you"* Discouragement is a trial Yah's people have endured for centuries! Remember, they overcame it by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives to the death.

The only things that can bring us down are UNBELIEF and INIQUITY. When you're under attack from the enemy's spirit of discouragement, you won't feel like praying. You must go to the power of the Blood of Yeshua.. You don't need to worry about trying to pray your way out of despair. This is the time for Yah's Spirit to go to work in you. **James 4:7** *"Submit yourselves therefore to Yah. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* If you are in INIQUITY you have not submitted and you are in trouble. Confess your sin and then you have the power of the Blood of Yeshua. When you go to Adonai, you must be honest with Him. Tell Him how weak and helpless you feel. To get out of depression, Yah's power is going to have to make it happen in such low times. Hashem is very patient with us. The only thing which can block the power of the Blood of Yeshua is UNBELIEF or INIQUITY. He will never forsake you! Don't buy the doctrine that the Holy Spirit leaves you if you remain obedient. You must go deep into iniquity for that. Yah's Spirit will not abandon you when you need Him most! If He leaves me whenever I fail and fall deep into discouragement, how could He be my comforter? That wouldn't provide any comfort at all. In fact, it would leave me in Satan's power! The Holy Spirit is my soul's Sanctifier. How could He do this work if He flies in and out of my life every time I fail? How could I ever see my sin without the Spirit's presence there to convict me of it? Just don't hide or excuse your sin and turn it into INIQUITY. How could I know how to change if He wasn't there to guide and direct me? If you go your own way, the way of the flesh, hiding or excusing your sin, that is INIQUITY.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. The holy spirit will not let you be deceived. The holy spirit will convict you. The set apart spirit will not condemn you. The conviction of the Holy Spirit always has a note of hope. If you don't hear that note of hope, telling you to take it to Yeshua and the power of His Blood, it is condemnation and you need to tell it to bug off by the power of the Blood of Yeshua. You must dare to believe He will speak to you! You will come out of your trial more victorious, because your faith will have been tested and tried as gold. Guard against INIQUITY and UNBELIEF.

I recommend going through the 10 commandments in Exodus 20 and ask Yah's forgiveness and mercy through the Blood of Yeshua for every transgression. I don't know about you, but I have transgressed almost all 10 of them. Going through them and asking

for forgiveness for each of those specific law transgressions can be wonderful.

They are put under the Blood of Yeshua. I stand on the word as it says in: **Isa. 43:1**
*“But now thus saith Adonai that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel,
Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.”*

Jer. 9:5 *“And everyone deceives his neighbor, And does not speak the truth, They have
taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves **committing iniquity.**”*

Isa. 59:4 *“No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion,
and speak lies; They conceive mischief, **and bring forth iniquity.**”*

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