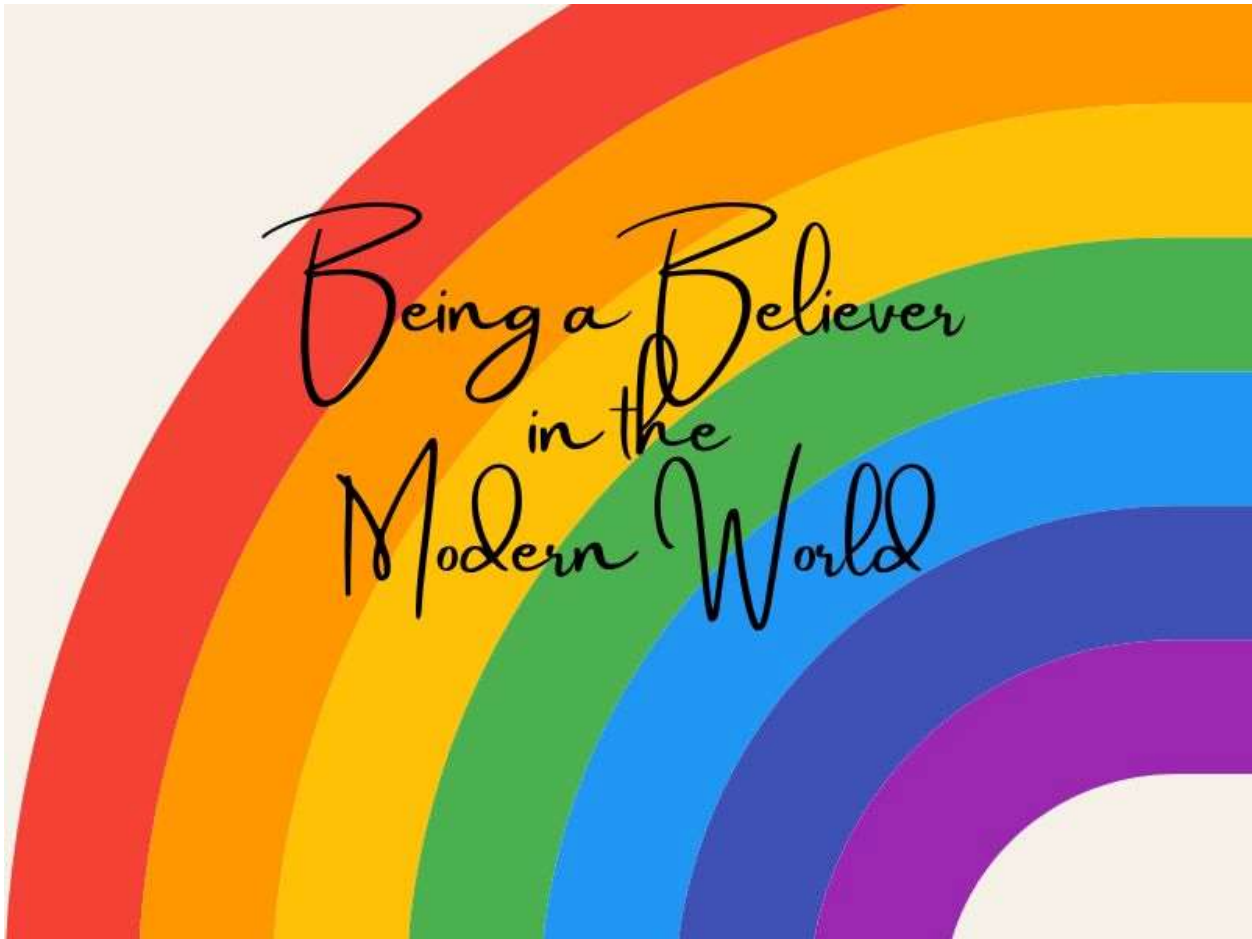


Being a Believer in the Modern World

Part One



We are living in a time of great deception and iniquity, and as a people that keep the Torah of the Most High, and who believe in His Son Yahusha, it is our responsibility to speak the truth in love and to live our lives as an example to those around us. We are not to be silent, but instead we are called to be beacons in the darkness of this world!

“You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt becomes tasteless, how shall it be seasoned? For it is no longer of any use but to be thrown out and to be trodden down by men. You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city to be hidden on a mountain. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it shines to all those in the house. Let your light so shine before men, so that they see your good works and praise your Father who is in the heavens.” Matthew 5:13-16

Daily, I hear about and see the atrocities and abominations happening all over the world. Every way I look I see sins being played out, even being praised and

rewarded. And while there are people speaking out about these things, not enough of us are standing up against the evil that is being called good everywhere around us.

I'm going to have a look at some of the big topics that are happening today. We can look at them from a Biblical perspective, and find out the truth about them. Let's see what the Word can tell us about these things.

Redefining marriage and the LGBTetc agenda

One of the biggest threats to our world, and especially our children, right now is the homosexual and transgender agenda! This is being pushed everywhere, from children's preschool shows and schools to sports, churches and more. But what does the Bible tell us about this type of relationship?

And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

“However, from the beginning of the creation, Elohim ‘made them male and female. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh,’ so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what Elohim has joined together, let man not separate.” Mark 10:6-9

Both the Torah and Yahusha define marriage as a union between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation, and I think, for stability in society. A marriage and sound family unit are foundational to a strong nation. In the family, we walk out the commands of YAHUAH together as a man and wife, and as an example to our children – who we are told to train up in the Father's ways as well.

It is the husband's role in the family to be the physical and spiritual leader and the main provider for the family. It is the wife's role to be the helpmeet and supporter for her husband, the keeper of the home and it is important for her to be there to raise and instruct her children.

This family model is looked down upon and ridiculed by society as a whole. It started with the push for feminism and the so-called “women's rights movements”, which I will talk more about later, and the ideal of a nuclear family is now so far removed from the minds of most people that it is inconceivable and laughable as a whole.

And because society has moved so far away from the idea of the family, the husband, wife and children, it has come to accept the ideas of “marriage” and “family” as broader terms that can include same-sex marriage and couples choosing to be “child-free”, amongst other things.

But is same-sex “marriage” an innocent union of love as the world would have us believe?

And do not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination. Leviticus 18:22

‘And a man who commits adultery with the wife of another man, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbour: the adulterer and the adulteress shall certainly be put to death. And a man who lies with the wife of his father has uncovered the nakedness of his father, both of them shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who lies with his daughter-in-law: both of them shall certainly be put to death, they have made confusion, their blood is upon them. And a man who lies with a male as he lies with a woman: both of them have done an abomination, they shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who marries a woman and her mother: it is wickedness, they are burned with fire, both he and they, that there be no wickedness in your midst. And a man who has intercourse with a beast: he shall certainly be put to death, and the beast you kill. And a woman who approaches any beast and mates with it: you shall kill the woman and the beast, they shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who takes his sister, his father’s daughter or his mother’s daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness: is it loving-commitment? And they shall be cut off before the eyes of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, he bears his crookedness. And a man who lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness: he has laid bare her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood, both of them shall be cut off from the midst of their people. And do not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister nor of your father’s sister, for that is laying bare one’s own flesh, they bear their crookedness. And a man who lies with his uncle’s wife: he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness, they bear their sin, they die childless. And a man who takes his brother’s wife: it is uncleanness, he has uncovered his brother’s nakedness, they are childless. Leviticus 20:10-21

Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the reign of Elohim? Do not be deceived. Neither those who whore, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor greedy of gain, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers shall inherit the reign of Elohim. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were set apart, but you were declared right in the Name of the Master Yahusha and by the Spirit of our Elohim. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Therefore Elohim gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts, to disrespect their bodies among themselves, who changed the truth of Elohim into the falsehood, and worshipped and served what was created rather than the

Creator, who is blessed forever. Amēn. Because of this Elohim gave them over to degrading passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is against nature, and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency, and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying. And even as they did not think it worthwhile to possess the knowledge of Elohim, Elohim gave them over to a worthless mind, to do what is improper, having been filled with all unrighteousness, whoring, wickedness, greed, evil; filled with envy, murder, fighting, deceit, evil habits; whisperers, slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, proud, boasters, devisers of evils, disobedient to parents, without discernment, covenant breakers, unloving, unforgiving, ruthless; who, though they know the righteousness of Elohim, that those who practice such deserve death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:26-28

Even as Sedom and Amarah (Sodom and Gomorrah) and the cities around them in a similar way to these, having given themselves over to whoring and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, undergoing judicial punishment of everlasting fire. Jude 1:7

And we know that the Torah is good if one uses it legitimately, knowing this: that Torah is not laid down for a righteous being, but for the lawless and unruly, for the wicked and for sinners, for the wrong-doers and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for those who whore, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and for whatever else that is contrary to sound teaching, according to the esteemed Good News of the blessed Elohim which was entrusted to me. 1 Timothy 1:8-11

And the two messengers came to Sedom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sedom. And when Lot saw them, he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground, and he said, "Look, please my masters, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet, and rise early and go your way." And they said, "No, but let us spend the night in the open square." But he urged them strongly, and they turned in to him and came into his house. And he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sedom, both old and young, all the people from every part, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, and let us 'know' them." So Lot went out to them through the doorway, and shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brothers, do not do evil! Look, please, I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please, let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you wish, only do no deed to these men, because they have come under the shadow of my roof. But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This one came in to sojourn, and should

he always judge? Now we are going to treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. Then they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, and they wearied themselves to find the door. And the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city – bring them out of this place! For we are going to destroy this place, because the cry against them has grown great before the face of YAHUAH, and YAHUAH has sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up, get out of this place, for YAHUAH is going to destroy this city!” But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be as one joking. And when morning dawned, the messengers urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” And while he loitered, the men took hold of his hand, and his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, YAHUAH having compassion on him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. And it came to be, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed.” And Lot said to them, “Oh no, YAHUAH! Look, please, your servant has found favour in your eyes, and you have increased your loving-commitment which you have shown me by saving my life, but I am unable to escape to the mountains, lest calamity overtake me and I die. Look, please, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please let me escape there – is it not a small matter – and let my life be saved?” And He said to him, “Look, I have favoured you concerning this matter also, without overthrowing this city for which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there. For I am not able to do any deed until you arrive there. So the name of the city was called Tso’ar. The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Tso’ar. And YAHUAH rained sulphur and fire on Sedom and Amarah, from YAHUAH out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a post of salt. And Abraham arose early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before YAHUAH, and he looked toward Sedom and Amarah, and toward all the land of the plain. And he looked and saw the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.

Genesis 19:1-38

But because of whoring, let each one have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to his wife what is her due, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another

except with agreement for a time, to give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And come together again so that Satan does not try you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:2

And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes that were in the House of YAHUAH, where the women wove tapestries for the Asherah. 2 Kings 23:7

“See, this was the crookedness of your sister Sedom: She and her daughter had pride, sufficiency of bread, and unconcerned ease. And she did not help the poor and needy. And they were haughty and did abomination before Me, and I took them away when I saw it.” Ezekiel 16:49-50

They were making their hearts glad, and see, men of the city, sons of Beliya'al, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, so that we know him!” Judges 19:22

“But as for the cowardly, and untrustworthy, and abominable, and murderers, and those who whore, and drug sorcerers, and idolaters, and all the false, their part is in the lake which burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.” Revelation 21:8

Let marriage be respected by all, and the bed be undefiled. But Elohim shall judge those who whore, and adulterers. Hebrews 13:4

For Yerushalayim has stumbled, and Yehudah has fallen, because their tongue and their doings are against YAHUAH, to provoke the eyes of His esteem. The look on their faces witnesses against them, and they declare their sin as Sedom; they do not hide it. Woe to their being! For they have brought evil upon themselves. Isaiah 3:8-9

For this is the desire of Elohim: your set-apartness! – that you should abstain from whoring, that each one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in set-apartness and respect, not in passion of lust, like the nations who do not know Elohim. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

“You heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone looking at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than for your entire body to be thrown into GēHinnom. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members perish, than for your entire body to be thrown into GēHinnom.” Matthew 5:27-30

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: whoring, uncleanness, passion, evil desire and greed of gain, which is idolatry.
Colossians 3:5

As we can very clearly see, the Scriptures is blindingly clear on this topic! Homosexuality and every indecent sexual act is and abomination to the Most High! Not only in the Old Testament as many will claim, but also in the New Testament writings.

And while these things are bad enough in private relationships between adults, it is not being left there. This agenda is seeking out and attacking children as young as preschoolers. They are being bombarded from every side. Cartoons such as Peppa Pig and Arthur now happily share same-sex families, little children see “pride” flags in their classrooms and are dragged to disgusting “pride” parades and drag queen story time at their libraries. As they get older social media also adds its toxic influence in their lives.

Not only are more and more children “questioning their sexual identity” but so many are being led to believe that their very male or female sex is questionable! The children are being groomed into believing that they were created incorrectly and are being given chemical castration drugs and having healthy body parts surgically removed. The war on children and healthy families is more obvious now than ever before.

We need to stand firm on the Truth of YAHUAH and His nature. There are only men and women, men cannot become women and women cannot become men. Marriage can only be marriage between a man and a woman. That is the only truth worth considering, anything else is a deception straight from hasatan.

Media and Social media

For the rest, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is righteous, whatever is clean, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there is any uprightness and if there is any praise – think on these. Philippians 4:8

We don't see much of the above on mainstream media or social media any more. The “news” constantly bombards viewers with political agendas, propaganda and fear mongering. Movies and TV shows are just as bad these days. You can barely watch anything without seeing some or other modern agenda being included, even in children's shows – and they are the most vulnerable to the programming they see!

Social media is even worse. The online worlds of Facebook, Instagram, Twitch streams Tiktok and other platforms are largely controlled by those propagating the deceptive agendas that need to stand against. We would, in a perfect world, use platforms like this for community with those we care for that are far from

us, for sharing ideas and for learning. But presently it is too easy to get sucked into the algorithms and the dopamine rush of endless scrolling, which more often than not can lead to very indecent and even sinful content that we should not be exposing ourselves to, much less our children.

One of the big tools of mainstream and social media is fear. We are bottle fed a constant stream of fear mongering on just about every topic, wars and rumors of wars, deadly diseases ready to wipe out humanity, riots and shootings, gun violence, food shortages, climate change bringing on the imminent destruction of life, asteroids hurtling to earth every few months, acts of terrorism and so much more.

This fear mongering can cause anxiety in many people, which is used against us, even us believers. Free floating anxiety can lead us to putting our trust in man – the so-called experts, rather than the Most High.

Thank the Father that He provided us some immunity to fear in His Word, we have no reason to fear the threats of the enemy:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, nor be discouraged, for YAHUAH your Elohim is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

In the day I am afraid, I trust in You. Psalm 56:3

“For I, YAHUAH your Elohim, am strengthening your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear, I shall help you.’ ” Isaiah 41:13

YAHUAH is on my side; I do not fear what man does to me! Psalm 118:6

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear holds punishment, and he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18

Humble yourselves, then, under the mighty hand of Elohim, so that He exalts you in due time, casting all your worry upon Him, for He is concerned about you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Social media is also an immediate danger to children! Well-meaning parents are giving their young children access to smart phones and other devices with internet access and social media accounts of their own. Some parents try to supervise their children’s use of these devices, which the children are smart enough to get around, while other parents don’t even try.

I have personally seen awful things happening to children and teenagers that could have been completely avoided if they didn’t have access to social media or the influences of the Internet! Children have access to pornography, homosexual and transgender activists, drug dealers and even other users that promote dangerous behaviors such as self-harm and eating disorders.

I have also seen many stories online about children and teenagers that were dragged into the LGBT cult, who were convinced by online predators that they weren't really the sex they were born as. These children believed these lies about themselves when they were most vulnerable and some ended up doing permanent damage to their bodies as a result.

Social media is convincing young people that they have rare and significant conditions such as Dissociative Identity Disorder, there are people all over Tiktok who glorify this condition and claim to have "alters" or split personalities, all of which could be different genders or even different species!

Social media, as it is today, is a disgusting cesspool of iniquity, and we need to stay away from its ever-intriguing influences, and most importantly, protect our children from the evils to be found at a couple of clicks on the Internet.

Body positivity, or rather, the glorification of obesity and gluttony

Body positivity, like many other social movements, began for a good reason. It was to uplift those with physical conditions or traits that were ridiculed and made fun of by others. Things like large, visible birthmarks, physical disabilities, amputations and the like. The movement was there to help people love and accept their bodies the way they are.

But the latest version of body positivity is made up of people who glorify obesity, gluttony and excess. They drag out terms like "health at every size", claiming that their lifestyles are not unhealthy and don't have negative consequences. They call concerned onlookers, and even their doctors, fat-phobic for questioning their harmful beliefs and habits.

Overeating, especially with modern highly-processed diets, leads to many dangerous health concerns such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, bone degeneration, stroke, sleep apnea and sleep problems, mental illness, pain and early death.

Gluttony is a sin of idolatry, because the gluttonous person serves their own unnecessary wants and desires with no consideration of the health consequences of their choices. It is altogether selfish. Let's have a look at what Scripture can tell us about gluttony and greediness:

And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, and she took of its fruit and ate. And she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6

When a man has a wayward and rebellious son who is not listening to the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have disciplined him, does not listen to them," then his father and his mother shall take hold of him

and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city, and shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is wayward and rebellious. He is not listening to our voice, he is a glutton and a drunkard. Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones. Thus you shall purge the evil from your midst. And let all Yashar’el hear, and fear.’ Deuteronomy 21:18-21

“See, this was the crookedness of your sister Sedom: She and her daughter had pride, sufficiency of bread, and unconcerned ease. And she did not help the poor and needy. And they were haughty and did abomination before Me, and I took them away when I saw it.” Ezekiel 16:49-50

Yet they sinned still more against Him to rebel against the Most High in the desert. And they tried Ēl in their heart by asking food according to their desire. Psalm 78:18

When you sit down to eat with a ruler, Look well what is before you; and put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, for that food is deceptive. Proverbs 23:1-3

Be not among heavy drinkers of wine or with gluttonous eaters of meat; for the drunkard and the glutton become poor, and slumber puts rags on a man. Proverbs 23:20-21

He who watches over the Torah is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons shames his father. Proverbs 28:7

Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you? If anyone destroys the Dwelling Place of Elohim, Elohim shall destroy him. For the Dwelling Place of Elohim is set-apart, which you are. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

All is permitted me, but not all do profit. All is permitted me, but I shall not be under authority of any. 1 Corinthians 6:12

And do not become idolaters as some of them, as it has been written, “The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play.” 1 Corinthians 10:7

For many – of whom I have often told you, and now say to you even weeping – walk as enemies of the stake of Messiah. Their end is destruction, their mighty one is their stomach, and their esteem is in their shame – they mind the earthly. Philippians 3:18-19

The Word of YAHUAH clearly tells us that being greedy and gluttonous is sinful and idolatrous, we are worshipping ourselves if we think only of our physical desires, our earthly cravings, rather than living our lives according to the Will of the Most High.

This body positivity, or rather “fat acceptance” movement is just another stream of iniquitous thinking that can only lead to the destruction of both body and soul, just like the other topics we have discussed!

We have looked at only a few of the issues we are facing in modern society today. In part two I will discuss some other important issues we need to be aware of, and also take a look at what we, as believers, can do to protect ourselves and our families from these attacks by hasatan, and what we can do to spread the Truth of YAHUAH in this world.