

SHOULD WE CELEBRATE.....

HALLOWEEN?

NOTE: In this tract, we have restored the True Names of the Heavenly Father, Yahweh, and His Son, Yahushua, the Messiah. (John 5:43). You hear the Yah in both names and also when you say HalleluYah! What is in a Name? More than just labels, names in the Bible tell us about the individual. No-where is this more important than in the personal, revealed Name of our Creator. As it did with Israel, His name closely bonds True Worshipers to Him as their personal Heavenly Father, and is the key that unlocks deeper knowledge and understanding (*Prov. 30:4*). Contrary to popular belief, the Father's Name is not "J-hovah" [hovah #1943: another form for #1942; ruin: -mischief] and neither is the Son's Name "J-sus". The letter "J" did not come into existence until the 17th Century; look in any dictionary. The Savior was a Hebrew, so why did they give Him a Greek Latinized name? Yahushua revealed His name: Acts 16:14,15. He spoke in the Hebrew tongue not Greek. We encourage each reader to prove Scripturally for himself what he reads here:

1 Thess. 5:21 "Prove all things, hold fast that which is honest."

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There are a lot of parents that wonder whether they should allow their children to celebrate Halloween. Those that are believers should not partake of this Festivity as it is opposite to what the Bible teaches.

1 Thess. 5:22 "**Abstain from all appearance of evil.**"

Abstain: Greek Strong's Concordance No. 567: Lexical: keep oneself from, to abstain as refrain from. 567 from 575: Lexical: away from something near, in various sense (of place, time, relation) lit. or fig. it usually denotes separation. cessation, completion, reversal.

Appearance: Greek Strong's Concordance No. 1491: fashion, shape, sight. Lexical: the act of seeing, sight, the object of sight, form, appearance. *1 Thess. 5:22*.

Lt. Col. Dave Grossmart, from "Computers and Violence" states, "A child of 18 months can process, understand, record and duplicate what they see on TV. Little children, up until they are 6 years sometimes even up until 8 years old cannot tell the difference between what is fiction and what is reality, they can grab it and then it slips through their fingers. Their dreams, what's on the T.V.,

what's in real life, is all jumbled together.

The piece *of* the brain that allows you to organize where data came from doesn't kick in until you're 6,7,8 years old. Known as the pre-literary stage, the age you learn to read. The written word cannot be processed until around 8 years. It goes in the eyes, is decoded up in the logical center, and is filtered and trickled into the emotional center. The spoken word can't be processed until around age four. It goes in the ear, it is decoded up in the logical center and is filtered and trickled into the emotional center. The violence visual imagery can be processed at the age of 18 months. It goes straight in the eye and straight into the emotional center. It has a powerful and profound impact on the children who watch it."

So up to this time, your child believes what they see and no matter what you say to them, they have already accepted their thoughts from the images they have seen. Think of the damage that has been done to your child, from 18 months—8 years old.

Dr. Williams states on pages 78-90, of the Mind, he says, "That the subconscious mind does not have the ability to select or reject what is given to it, so it must be directed with care."

Now let's look at Halloween, through the eyes of a child, from 18 months to 8 years old. What do they see? Try and feel how it would affect them emotionally.

Halloween is known as the most important festival of the year for witchcraft and satanic cults. All you have to do is look around at Halloween decorations to see what this Festival celebrates. Putting the pumpkins and Jack-O-Lanterns aside, we see mostly witches, skeletons and ghosts. Some people even go to the extreme to decorate their yard with tombstones. Spider webs are the most popular decorations, giving the appearance of a haunted House. What does all this express? Fear, horror, nightmares, emotional distress, fear of being alone and fear of death.

Halloween originally began as a feast to the pagan g-d, Samhain. He was known as the l-rd of the dead. Of course, people do not send their small children out trick-or-treating in honor of Samhain, the l-rd of the dead! Even though that's all they really see by the public eye. Yahweh has said in His Word that all forms of magic, witchcraft, sorcery, spells, charms, horoscopes and communication with the dead are abominations.

Deut. 18:10.11, "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer."

Also in Exodus 22:18 Yahweh says that: “Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” Suffer means to permit. Witchcraft is described as “using the power of the devil to do magic.” Gal. 5:19-21 includes witchcraft as a work of the flesh along with murder, drunkenness, fornication etc; verse 21 says, “...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of Yahweh.”

You are saying, “Wait a minute! My child does not do witchcraft.” It is true that letting your small children go to a Halloween Party or trick-or-treating is not in itself witchcraft. But why would we want to participate in this Festival, which celebrates death? (Remember the tombstone and skeleton decorations?) Why would we want to create fear in our children in participating in a Festival depicted by witch-craft, evil spirits or communication with the dead? (Ghosts, haunted mansions, etc)?

When we promote evil one day a year, even as it were to make fun of fear, we are giving the devil glory. Man fears most that which is not real. What he should fear is Yahweh and His wrath, which is real and has been from the beginning of time. If we in this generation, as other generations, are a product of what we read, watch and listen to, as a learned behavior, to be okay; what are we teaching today? We would not like it if we came out one morning and found a dead body hanging off our roof or a body lying dead on our front lawn with blood all over it. But, it’s okay this time of the year, to display such things to show how wicked our thoughts really are; let alone what it is doing to our young children’s minds, till age eight.

People express their own character, by what they display on their lawn. They may say how great and outstanding a person they are, but their heart shows itself today. Scripture says, “Out of the mouth the heart speaketh;” today, a picture means a thousand words.

We have seen homes start with what people call cute pumpkin faces, ghosts. Then the next year, a gravestone arrives on their front lawn, and they get more detailed, because they have seen someone else’s display of horror. A few years ago we distributed tracts to homes that had gore and blood displayed on their lawns. The following year, the people were so convicted they refrained from putting anything on their lawn. Praise Yahweh for an accepting heart to see truth.

We complain and even get into an uproar when someone breaks the law and rightly so; but as I said, if we are fed evil as being okay, we will do that which is evil. Most people keep x-rated videos out of children’s hands, and children under 16-18 years cannot be permitted in when movies in the theatre are classified as restricted. Yet it is considered all right to show that which is evil and wrong to do from our front lawns, windows or roofs? Even the courts agreed

that it was what Bernardo (Canadian criminal) read and watched that caused him to get twisted, wicked and now in jail. Yet, a lot of people criticized and said what should be done with him, but it starts with what society accepts as right. Most of what is on TV., in books and movies promotes wrong doings, and we wonder why the world is in the shape it's in. The prisons are full of these examples, and we complain about it.

Halloween is a satanic festival; and the devil, whether you believe in him or not, is getting all the praise; nothing right comes from this feast. Young people who were former Satanists have testified that they began dabbling in the occult with a very innocent attitude. If only someone had told them as a child that "the devil is real and he wants to destroy your life," perhaps they could have recognized the danger they were entering. Your child is not going to become a Satanist because he went trick-or-treating, but do we really want to communicate to our child that we support what this festival represents? Past newspaper reports have issued: people's cats go missing; children go missing; children have nightmares; poison gets put in the food; pins and razors get put in the candy; eggs get thrown at homes; store windows get soaped; older children cut the bottom of the little children's bags and they lose their candies; and older children scare the younger children. Emotional traumas in the child are caused by these displays. The children eat all the candy, get sick, and may lose their teeth. All this is in the name of fun... Oh, how well we treat our children.

In a book called the Facts on Halloween by John Ankerberg, he states, "for children around the ages of three and four, Halloween can be a truly frightening time with thoughts of monsters in the closet, or under the bed. Even parents condoning Halloween masks, in jest, can be frightening and confusing to a young child. Probably the last thing a child this age will want to do is go trick-or-treating. Parents should take their child's fears seriously, even if they appear silly." All this expense on evil, and what right comes from it? We, the whole city, as parents, tell our children, "Do not talk to strangers," "Do not accept candies from strangers." "Do not tell lies." "Do not make fun of people." "Do not stay out late." "Do not scare people." We even have block parents in the neighborhood so our child can go to a safe home. (Can a child go to a door, that promotes fear and call it a safe place to go, if threatened by someone?) A child's brain can not determine what is real or not, or else they would be able to decipher and not be afraid. How many small children do you know that are afraid of the dark? I know some adults are. I know many. Why? Because we allow it and promote it, and on this day, we allow all our rules to be broken for the sake of fun. How can our children trust our word if we are not consistent in what we say? What messages are we giving our children or young

adults? Are they receiving it as one day it's okay, so anytime is okay? More psychological, emotional, physical and property damage is done at this time of year, than at any other. We live in a desensitized world, no compassion for people that have had a dramatized incident, lost a loved one, people that have no limbs; how do they feel seeing this type of display?

On the night of Halloween, children get to hear spooky music to make the night become even more alive to them. A lighted displays to dramatize the horror. How does this affect them psychologically? Society is very diligent about calling social services, about children being abused, mentally and physically. Did they ever consider this aspect?

A few years ago, my wife was in a grocery store and one of the clerks in the produce department was dressed as a Dracula victim, with the appearance of blood oozing out of her neck and blood stains all over her dress . When she mentioned her concern to the manager, he replied, "Your entitled to your opinion." As a resident, I am to accept this type of gore, and expose it to my children because society has a double standard of morals and values. How does it affect little ones with their parents shopping? Have you ever watched a young child's face when they are with their mother at this time of the year? Many a child I have seen, is hanging onto their mother's dress for dear life. I encourage you to observe their expressions, you will see what I am talking about with the fear that overwhelms them, it is astounding.

We wonder why children are in rebellion, it's the double messages they receive. Remember their simple minds? They fear that which is unnatural. They fear death, Frankenstein, ghosts, witches, etc.; and we only promote their fears, rather than conquer their fears, by saying that there is nothing to fear because it is not real, there is no such thing.? We place the reality in front of them, are we proving the lie to be real? "Oh, no, I tell my child they are all make-believe." Unfortunately, that would be a lie. There are thousands of practicing witches in the United States and Canada that have been recorded, check it out in our libraries, and past newspaper reports. The word "ghost" is another word for evil spirit. Séances, in which people attempt to communicate with the dead, are common occult circles. So if we tell our children that it is all make-believe, then we are disarming their defenses against the occult influences that really exist in our society today.

Then people wonder why our children turn out the way they do. We are the example and we teach them. Some people's opinion is that children should be seen and not heard. The sad thing is that they cry out to be heard, but we don't listen. As parents, if we respected our children mentally, physically and spiritually, our youth would be a lot different today. I feel that if a person has the

freedom of choice to display evil, then I have the freedom of choice to protest it. It is like the people you associate with is who you are going to become. If you display evil, then your fruits show. Adults are calling it child's play, so why don't they grow up and let reality speak for itself, for the best. When you look at someone's home, it displays their, integrity, and it is an outward expression of their inward thoughts.

My question to you and the nation is, "Would Yahweh be pleased with what He sees displayed on your lawn, or in your house?" We can have fun and promote life; not death. Promote right things; not evil. Promote righteous things; not the devilish things. We can! Yahweh's commandment is to love one another as I have loved you. Love is a big word, it means: caring, compassion, protection and guiding. How are you showing love at this time, with your child, by promoting such an evil festivity as Halloween, that will affect them for the rest of their life? Even adults today still have the fear that they had as a child. Yet we totally ignore where it comes from.

Heb. 10:24 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love, and to great works:"

What should we do about Halloween? Protect your children from evil, do not promote it. Guide your children unto righteousness which is of Yahweh not the devil. It is better if the will of Yahweh be so, that ye suffer for well doing not for evil doing.

The Bible is very explicit, "**Abstain from all appearance of evil.**"

Only Yahweh, prayer and dedicated people, with Biblical principles, can help this town, city, country and nation; and that is by not supporting this festivity.

HalleluYah!

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