

# Have we “SET our hearts” on Yahweh, the Eternal?

## 1 Chronicles 22:19—“Now *set* your heart and soul to seek YHWH your God...”

by Philip Shields

August 2010 (1 hr. 10 minutes)

[www.LightontheRock.org](http://www.LightontheRock.org)

Summary: Most people set their hearts on something or someone. Have you thought about what, or who, your life is *set* on? Have you ever “reset” what which you’ve set your life on? Are our hearts *set* on the right One and the right end result? Why is this important? What does scripture say about setting ourselves, and setting our hearts? Individually and as children of the Highest, it’s time to set or reset ourselves to do and to be what we’ve been called to do and to be.

\*\*

Greetings, children of the Highest. This is your brother, Philip Shields, with a question: “Have we ever consciously *set* our lives on our God, on Yahweh? And secondly, have we ever *reset* our lives from time to time on Yahweh?” I hope you’ll find, as I did, this topic of setting ourselves to be interesting, as the Hebrew meaning of this word is very profound.

Some time back, one of our electrical wall plug-ins, where you plug in electrical cords, wasn’t working. We’d plug something into it, but there was no electrical power, nothing turned on, there was no “juice”. Then we remembered, in the middle of the covering wall plate is a little button that says “reset”. So we pushed that button, and suddenly there was electrical current again.

Sometimes we have to reset our computers. Even international relations have to be reset at times. Sec of State Clinton even took a symbolic “reset” button to Russia and announced we were resetting our relationship with Russia a while back. Remember that?

Well, have you ever recognized when your *life* has no real power? Let’s kick it up a notch: can we also recognize that the temple of the Living God, His church of set-apart ones, has not been demonstrating the power it has available to it for many years now either? Is it time to set ourselves to what we’ve been called to do: to be one with Yahweh and one another? To find other people who worship Yahweh – and start worshiping together? Is it time to reset ourselves to our calling to be holy set-apart people, called to do His work? Is it time to reset ourselves to obey Him, to live His way, to let His life and His light shine bright in an ever darker world?

Yes, it’s time. Yes it’s time to hit the reset button. By the end of this message, I hope you’ll decide it’s time to reset your life. I’ll discuss what it means to “SET” our hearts on Yahweh, including from what the Hebrew original words tell us. We’ll give examples from scripture. We’ll also see that God warns us not to set our hearts on the wrong things. You see, we are constantly setting our hearts on something – it’s in our nature to do so. But if we set our hearts on the wrong things, *our* “setting” may not be the optimum, and at worst will end us up at the wrong place.

Having goals is one thing. Having hopes and dreams is fine. But when we *set our minds* or hearts to do something, to be someone, to *have* something—when we set our minds and our hearts on

something or someone – that is a much higher level of commitment. It's higher than just have a goal or a dream.

We all set our minds on something. What have you set your heart on? It's not at all unusual for people to have their hearts set on getting married, if they're single. Some marrieds have set their heart on getting out of their marriage. Many have set their heart on being ready for retirement, and to be "comfortable" financially. Others set their heart on a new home, a new job.

It's good to have goals. You're much more likely to hit something you're aiming at. But I'm talking about something higher, more vital: setting our hearts. Tuning in. Dialing in. There's something far more vital than a house, a wife, having kids, making money. David the King tells us about this as he charges his leading men with something before his death.

Turn to 1 Chronicles 22 please. Before David the King died, He gathered the leaders of Israel and gave them this charge. The context was the building of the House of God. David had built himself a marvelous palace and wanted very badly for Yahweh to have a House dedicated to Him too, and not just have the ark in a tent – in the tabernacle of David in Zion. Remember the tabernacle of Moses in Gibeon *did not have the ark in its holy of Holies after it was captured by the Philistines*. I explained all that in February 2006 (has it been that long ago?) in a couple sermons on "*The Tabernacle of David*." Check it out on the website. David put the ark of God into *his* tabernacle on Mt. Zion, the tabernacle of David, a very different kind of tabernacle than the one Moses built. It's one of my favorite sermons and if you haven't heard those 2, you'll be amazed at what you learn. Now here's the heart of what David said to the men:

### **1 Chronicles 22:17-19**

David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 "Is not Yahweh your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before Yahweh and before His people. 19 ***Now SET YOUR HEART and your soul to seek YHWH your God.*** Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of Yahweh Elohim (the LORD God), to bring the ark of the covenant of Yahweh and the holy articles of Elohim into the house that is to be built for the name of Yahweh."

That's what I want to talk about today. Have we ever really set ourselves to do something, to accomplish it? I'm sure we have. Have we ever set our hearts – as David the king admonishes—to seek Yahweh our God? And in the very next sentence, he says to the leaders – and remember you and I have been called to be the leaders in the coming Kingdom – he says: "Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of Yahweh Elohim....into the House that is to be built for the name of Yahweh."

*Are we building the House of God today, as one?* Are we not to be hallowing the sanctuary – which all today refers to the body of Believers, the church of God, the House of God? Father wants us to set our hearts to seek Him and to be sure his HOUSE, which today is the church, is taken care of!

When I started, I spoke of plugging into the wall socket, but getting no juice, no power. Are we trying to plug in to God's power, but are we recognizing the awful truth that frankly the power of God has not been flowing in His church for some time now. And it's not His fault.

One of the biggest factions of the Church of God groups is going through tough internal struggles and is more disunited than ever right now. There's inside fighting going on for power and for the right to say which way the church is to be headed. Who's seeking God's mind on this? Are we going to see yet more and more splits until there aren't two stones of the temple upon another? We are the living stones of the temple! But where's the power gone? Where's the flowing of the spirit? The power is there! But we obviously need to reset ourselves to get in synch with God and His power.

David the King later admonishes his son, Solomon, a few chapters later that the WAY we reset is to do the very thing this website is all about: That we may know the Living God and His Son, whom God sent (John 17:3). It's more than just knowing who God is. It's about knowing God personally, intimately. I can know who you are, but that's not the same as saying I know *you*. I've spoken about knowing God for years now, and this is what I am getting at when I say to set ourselves on Him:

#### **1 Chronicles 28:9-10**

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, ***know the God of your father***, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. ***If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.*** 10 Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

Do we need to individually and collectively hit the re-set button? Do we have to go back and set ourselves to do the job and calling we were once called to do – to know our God, to know His Body and one another, and be working together to build His sanctuary like He says?

### **TRACK 2: THE HEBREW FOR “SET”**

This is not a sermon so much about knowing God as it is a message about setting ourselves correctly. It's about setting our hearts to come to know Him and serve Him, individually and unitedly together.

The Hebrew of this word translated “set” – as in “set your heart” or “set yourself” is quite strong.

The Hebrew is # 5414 in Strong's Concordance, from the Hebrew word “*natan*” – and it can be translated a lot of ways, but including these (let these sink in):

- to apply oneself
- to assign yourself
- to cause, to commit, to hand over to another,
- to deliver yourself up to, to yield yourself to something or someone
- to do something without fail, to be sure to perform something
- when it applies to a person or personality – it can be either for good or for bad.

I went to **Vine's Expository Dictionary** of Old Testament words, and this is what Vine's says "natan" OT:5414, "to deliver, give, place, set up, lay, make, do." ...

These verbs occur about 2,010 times in the Bible (translated in many ways into English)

As one would read Vine's Dictionary, it has the very strong meaning of – in our English today – **of doing whatever it takes to make this something happen**. It is used in many scriptures with the meaning of giving up something – like a father giving up his daughter in marriage (Gen. 16:3; 34:12).

Later in Vine's he says:

"This same basic sense may be applied to "dedicating" ("handing over") something or someone to God, such as the first-born son (Ex 22:29). Levites are those who have been "handed over" in this way (Numbers 3:9)." So when we "set" ourselves, we are handing ourselves over to God to use as He wills.

After that, Vine's says this -- that *natan* implies you're causing something to happen:

"Another major emphasis of *natan* is the action of "**giving**" or "**affecting**" a result. For example, the land will "give" ("yield") its fruit (Deut 25:19). In some passages, this verb means "to procure" ("to set up"), as when God "gave" ("procured, set up") favor for Joseph (Gen 39:21).

It also has the meaning of "**to put in place**". Vines says:

"God "placed" (literally, "gave") the heavenly lights into the expanse of the heavens (Gen 1:17) — the first occurrence of the verb *natan*. A garland is "placed" (literally, "given") upon one's head (Prov 4:9). The children of Israel are commanded not to "set up" idols in their land." So I'm setting myself – putting myself in such a way and place that I'm seeking after God.

We have to put Yahweh into first place in our lives. Almighty won't just slide into first place accidentally. "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God" means dedicated action of putting Him there by our concerted effort: when we go to bed, when we get up. I preach to myself on this point. We all have to focus on resetting ourselves to true priorities so *we make time* to pray, make time to fast, make time to study Scripture, make time to walk with God. Frankly, when it is our delight, it shouldn't be as hard as it can sometimes seem.

So combining everything I've just read from Vine's, the Hebrew *natan* – translated "set" in 1 Chron 22:19, when David before his death tells his leaders to *set* their hearts on Yahweh – here's what he's saying to them in modern English lingo:

"Men of God, do whatever it takes to cause this Temple to happen. Surrender your own will to this higher will. Let's make this dream happen. Make it your very reason for living. Commit yourselves to accomplishing this. Give this commitment some power. Focus and re-focus yourselves on to this great project to the glory of Yahweh."

That's what it means to "set your heart and your will" on something or someone.

The Hebrew words 5414, *natan* – is *most* often translated in the 2,010 times it is used, with the English words of “give, gave, delivered up to”. We have to *give ourselves over to* this quest, when we *set* ourselves on to someone or something in the Hebrew sense of the word.

So, my simple **question today is this: Are your heart SET on Yahweh, on seeking Him – or is your heart set – if you’re honest with yourself – on other things? What is most important to you? What do you really, really in your heart of hearts want to be? Where in your heart of hearts do you want to go? What in your heart of hearts do you intend to accomplish in your lifetime?**

**The Apostle Paul made very clear what he had set his heart on:**

**Philippians 3:7-11**

“But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them filth, **so that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him**, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith. **10 My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death, 11 assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.”

Have you and I, in the same way as Paul, SET our hearts to know Him, to be intimate with Him, to be one with Him?

**What is your heart’s desire? Is the Eternal front and center in those plans?** If not, we must, we must reset our hearts. I’ll speak more about “Resetting” ourselves, in a few minutes.

**Did you realize Yahweh also sets His heart, His desires?** Did you realize Yahweh has set you apart as well?

- We speak of being saints, *hagios*, and holy ones. That means “set apart” ones. Some groups even use the term “set apart” whenever they speak of “holy”. They’ll say God’s “set-apart people” or Yahweh’s Set-apart Spirit, to ring a few new bells in how we view these things.

Even when God sent Judah into captivity, His heart was still set on them and bringing them back. It’s just an aside for now, but maybe something we should remember during our own tough times. What is your type of spiritual captivity at times? When have you been chastised by Almighty? Realize He is willing to bring you back to Him and restore you, *for He has set His heart on you*.

**Jeremiah 24:4-7**

Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans. **6 For I will set My eyes on them for good**, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull them down, and **I will plant them and not pluck**

**them up. 7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am Yahweh;** and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

I am just amazed at this: that Father sets His eyes even upon those He is punishing and sending into captivity. If you ever find yourself not in a place of safety, but in captivity in the coming years, remember these words. God is letting you go through this for your own good (v. 5), but He will bring you back into relationship with Him. He has started something in you, and will finish it (Phil. 1:6).

But my point is: Yahweh even sets Himself to set His heart on those He has called and chosen. **If Yahweh can set Himself on us, surely we must set ourselves on Him.**

- **When we pray, we say “HALLOWED be YOUR name”... and we set the Living God apart as The MOST HOLY one, as our God and our King.**
- **When we come to Friday afternoons, as the sun is setting, we need to recognize Yahweh has set apart His Sabbath, and so should we at the beginning of the Sabbath.** Among Jews, they do a “Kiddush” – which means “to sanctify”, to “Set apart as holy” -- a ritual or ceremony that sets the beginning of Shabbat apart from the rest of the week. Special prayers are said and a great rejoicing begins as the Sabbath begins. I’m not into ritual, but the concept of making sundown of Sabbath special would be a good concept. Set it up, set it apart, set our hearts on this special day Yahweh gave us.

**I’ve had to be honest with myself too. My heart’s desire – get this-- my heart’s desire often has to be RE-set.**

- Certainly we reset at times we *need* to be in tune to the Almighty’s mind.
- We reset at times of serious crisis.
- We reset at times when the evidence shows our lives are out of kilter, out of synch with Yahweh’s will – then it’s time to reset.
- Or we hit the spiritual reset when we simply feel our prayers have become ineffective.

**In a nutshell: sometimes we just have to re-set our lives when we realize our hearts have been set on less important things lately.** *We always have our hearts set on SOMETHING, or someone – but when we find our hearts not set on God, our hearts must be reset.*

### **Track 3: THE CHURCH – AND SETTING OR RESETTING OURSELVES**

When we compare the power – or lack of it – in the church today with what we can read in the early chapters of the book of Acts, we’re not even close. As I’ve said many times before, with numerous scriptures before, it was also prophesied that the end time church would be asleep, lax, lethargic, lacking in faith and lacking in power.

- We’re commissioned with proclaiming the gospel to every creature, but we can’t seem to do it together, as one body.
- We’re commissioned to be lights to the world, but we can’t seem to give them a body of people who demonstrate by their lives that we are filled with God’s Spirit, filled with love

and peace for one another. No, we can't even worship Yahweh at His feasts together. Shame on us.

- We are to show people how to live – but we have our own share of divorces, marital splits, child rearing problems, and all of that. I've had many of my own issues too. But it's time to repent, regroup, recoup – and re-set ourselves to do the job we've been called to do. And to do it as *one* body working in harmony and love for one another.

All of those are symptoms of having not set God in our hearts as #1 in our lives.

When Yahweh is really in our midst, there's a cleansing, a transformation, that happens. There's reformation that happens. There's unity that results among those of like mind. When we are shown what happens in heaven when angels and great spirit beings come before God, we see a scene of majesty, fire, brilliance and incredible power!

We should be experiencing that same sense of His presence, of His majesty, of His power in His Church today. ... but we're not. The "power" isn't flowing. The wall plate has power – but it's not coming through. We need to reset ourselves so we're connected to Yahweh again.

May Father open our eyes to Him. May Yeshua bring us into His presence.

"Yeshua, our Savior, we pray that the blazing holiness of your presence burn within our hearts, cleansing away the chaff of our lives and refining us to your holy use. We long for your glory that Isaiah was gifted to see in Isaiah 6, upon the death of King Uzziah – Yahweh in His glory, sitting on His throne. We long for the time when your Holy Spirit will flow in all God's children, to give us a heart for Him and for one another, so we can be one church, one body, one family of God, one people of the Highest. So we can be a part of your one Body fulfilling your will, Master, together, as one, in unity, peacefully."

God yanked Ezekiel up by the locks of his hair (!), to go see what was happening in the temple. What's that got to do with this topic? It's to show the state of the church, and that we obviously have NOT yet set our hearts on Him as we should.

Now, be turning to Ezekiel 8-9. Here's the strange thing about this: when Ezekiel saw this in vision, the Temple had long been demolished by the Babylonians. So obviously this is a prophecy, a vision, of the future temple – and remember we are the temple of God's Spirit today! 1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16). We are the living stones of God's temple (1 Pet. 2:5).

As we read right thru Ezekiel 8-9, I hope it will move you as it did me, and brought tears to my eyes. Our God is ticked off, and it's not a historical statement but a prophecy about us. Yahweh is feeling this! And He wants us to feel what HE is feeling. Where we read "temple" – think "church". Where we read "Sanctuary" – read the ministry; it was only the priests who were allowed into the sanctuary. And only the High Priest into the Holy of Holies.

### **Ezekiel 8 – entire chapter**

In the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, I was sitting in my house and the elders of Judah were sitting in front of me, and there the hand of the Lord

God came down on me. 2 I looked, and there was a form that had the appearance of a man. From what seemed to be His waist down was fire, and from His waist up was something that looked bright, like the gleam of amber. 3 **He stretched out what appeared to be a hand and took me by the hair of my head. Then the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and carried me in visions of God to Jerusalem,** to the entrance of the inner gate that faces north, where the offensive statue that provokes jealousy was located. 4 I saw the glory of the God of Israel there, like the vision I had seen in the plain.

5 The Lord said to me, “Son of man, look toward the north.” I looked to the north, and there was this offensive statue north of the altar gate, at the entrance. 6 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel is committing here, so that I must depart from My sanctuary? You will see even greater abominations.”

7 Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked there was a hole in the wall. 8 He said to me, “Son of man, dig through the wall.” So I dug through the wall, and there was a doorway. 9 He said to me, “Go in and see the terrible abominations they are committing here.” 10 I went in and looked, and there engraved all around the wall was every form of detestable thing, crawling creatures and beasts, as well as all the idols of the house of Israel.

11 Seventy elders from the house of Israel were standing before them, with Jaazaniah son of Shaphan standing among them. Each had an incense burner in his hand, and a fragrant cloud of incense was rising up. 12 Then He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his idol? For they are saying: The Lord does not see us. The Lord has abandoned the land.” 13 Again He said to me, “You will see even greater abominations, which they are committing.”

14 So He brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the Lord’s house, and I saw women sitting there weeping for Tammuz. 15 And He said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? You will see even greater abominations than these.”

16 So He brought me to the inner court of the Lord’s house, and there were about 25 men at the entrance of the Lord’s temple, between the portico and the altar, with their backs to the Lord’s temple and their faces turned to the east. They were bowing to the east in worship of the sun. 17 And He said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Is it not enough for the house of Judah to commit the abominations they are practicing here, that they must also fill the land with violence and repeatedly provoke Me to anger, even putting the branch to their nose? 18 Therefore I will respond with wrath. I will not show pity or spare them. Though they cry out in My ears with a loud voice, I will not listen to them.”

There were no chapter breaks, so we continue into chapter 9. Here Almighty wants a people who are aware of what’s going on in the land – and are sighing and crying about it to God. He wants people who feel and who want “Thy kingdom come” powerfully in their hearts. He wants intercessors for the land. He wants people who will “stand in the breach” and plead for this country – rather than just have an almost sense of glee as we see things coming to a head! Not so, brothers and sisters.



Ezekiel 22:29-31

The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. 30 *So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.* 31 Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord God.

### **Ezekiel 9**

Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand." 2 And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. *And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; 4 and the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."*

5 To the others He said in my hearing, "Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. 6 Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were before the temple. 7 Then He said to them, "Defile the temple, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" And they went out and killed in the city.

8 So it was, that while they were killing them, I was left alone; and I fell on my face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Lord God! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?"

9 Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say, 'The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!' 10 And as for Me also, My eye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their deeds on their own head."

11 Just then, the man clothed with linen, who had the inkhorn at his side, reported back and said, "I have done as You commanded me."

If we had been there in Ezekiel 9, and a man with an inkhorn was looking upon us, would he mark you or me as one sighing and crying over the abominations in the church – the temple of Yahweh-- and in the land? Remember this is a prophecy for the end time temple. . . . Brethren: this is about you and me and our time, I feel. It was written for our admonition. We are the temple. It's about us and the wrong direction the church has been heading in. God wants us

feeling some anguish about the state of affairs in the church and the nation. If we do, God will take note of our mental anguish over the way things seem to be right now.

Maybe we need to RESET our lives.

Where is the Church of God that is working together in victory? Where is the church of God's joy and peace that allows us to work together? Where is the church of God's zeal to preach the gospel to the whole world, together? Where is the Church of God who is living the way God wants us to live, as lights in the world? Where is the church of God's impact on the world that we read about in the book of Acts, or Romans? What has happened to us?

Yes, it's time to reset.

### ***TRACK 4 HOW to Reset Our Lives***

***HOW do we RESET our lives? How do we wake up from the drowsiness or even from the sleep we're in?***

I wish it were as simple as pushing a literal button on a wall. But I have found that I have to make time to refocus and regularly reset my marriage, my health, my finances – and most of all, my relationship with my Creator. We have to take time to take stock, find out where we are, and then hit the spiritual reset button in all areas of our lives.

**We push the spiritual reset button by setting a time aside when we can be away from the hustle-bustle of life, be fasting, and spending the day in prayer and retrospection.** Spend the day in the kind of prayer that includes a lot of listening to what the Spirit is telling you.

Daniel did that kind of reset. Let's read about it.

#### **Daniel 9:1-3**

“In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans — 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 **Then I set my face toward YHWH God** to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes”

V. 20 says that *while* he was still praying, God caused the archangel Gabriel to give Daniel the 70 week prophecy.

Has Yahweh changed? Or do we not read that He changes not? If we're not hearing God's words, it's our fault, not God's. The same “formula” Daniel used still works today. “If my people, called by my name, would humble themselves and pray, and depart from their wicked ways...then I will hear from heaven...” (1 Chron 7:14). It's the same thing today as it was then. But we do have to do what Daniel did – Dan 9:3 – “SET my face toward Yahweh...with fasting...”

When *was* the last time you fasted? When *was* the last time you really had a deep, deep Bible study on a work day? *Every* day?

Jehoshaphat did the same thing in 2 Chron 20:1-4 when he heard thousands of enemy soldiers were on their way to destroy Jerusalem. What did he do? Oh that we'd have leaders today who wouldn't be afraid to do the same thing:

**2 Chronicles 20:3**

And Jehoshaphat feared, *and set (Hebrew: natan) himself to seek the Lord*, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

Same formula: prayer and fasting. So what happened: God noticed, Yahweh spoke and delivered them mightily as they humbled themselves, fasted and set themselves to seek Him.

*So what's our problem?* Why don't we set ourselves to seek Yahweh as much as Daniel and Jehoshaphat did?

*Well, we say we have other pressing needs.* It's summer time. We're too busy. Just like the many who made excuses why they couldn't find time go to the King's son's wedding supper, we do the same things. "I haven't set my heart on God and fasted because...too busy, the grandkids are over, we're leaving on vacation, I don't fast very well, I have to go on a trip, my daughter's getting married, and on and on..."

Do you hear and see yourself in this? We're at the end of the age and we have to quit playing church and start resetting our relationship with Yahweh!

If our hearts are set on the Eternal God, we will be keeping Him front and center of our lives from the first moment we wake up. We'll never go days without prayer again. We'll never go months and months without fasting again. If we have SET our hearts on Yahweh, we will be asking Him to reveal His will to us for our lives. We will be submitting all aspects of our lives to Him. We won't be so worried all the time. Worry and fretting shows God and anyone else that we really don't trust God has everything under control.

**One more thing: when we have SET ourselves to seek and find our God, when we have SET ourselves to seek the things above, we don't go back to the old dead plug-in.** We don't go back. We don't continue to stew in the same old juices of worry, despair, fretting, negativity and defeatism. No, we've reset our lives and it's time to live our lives in the renewed power of God's Spirit. Once we've reset our lives, it's time to be positive. It's time to be upbeat, hopeful, full of faith and peace of mind. It's time we are DONE with failings and sins of the past and move on to Godly things.

## **TRACK 5 THE WRONG RESET BUTTONS**

There are also settings we can our hearts and lives set on, that are not the right settings. In a nutshell, it's a wrong setting if it is not set on God and His will and His way. It's that simple. Having said that, let's ask scripture tell us a few of the wrong settings we may have:

*Setting our minds on wealth, financial independence, riches = a wrong set button.*

**Proverbs 23:4-5**

“Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!

**5 Will you set your eyes on that which is not?** For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.”

God sees riches very differently than we do. So – I preach to myself too – let’s not be setting our minds and hearts on riches, on retirement savings, on being independently wealthy – and if we become rich by God’s grace, let’s be known as a very, very generous person. Just don’t set your heart on them. It’s the wrong reset button.

**Psalms 62:9-10**

“Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie;

If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

**10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery;**

**If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.”**

God’s not against wealth. He’s against us setting ourselves to *become* wealthy. God will grant wealth to His children when He sees it’s not that important. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were fabulously wealthy men. So were King David and many other righteous men and women. Yahweh often offers abundant physical blessings when we are pleasing to Him (Prov 3:9-10) – but that is not to be taken to mean that we will never have hard times, or be persecuted, jailed for His way, or have to flee for our lives someday.

Go back and read **Matthew 6:25-34** if you haven’t lately. We’re told there not to worry about bills, about life even – for God WILL take care of us. He promises if we *seek first* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He will supply everything we need.

It’s OK to have a lot of things – but just be sure to be a sharing person with the needy in your family and outside your family.

**Another wrong re-set: Being a “Somebody”**

**NEITHER should we ever set our minds on “being a somebody”**, being someone of note, except someone *God* takes note of. Sometimes we men set ourselves to be a deacon or an elder or a hired pastor by such-and-such a time. If we’re not a speaker or songleader or a high-up person, some of us can feel very down and discouraged, like we’re a nobody. Well, in a way we are! We are not to think more highly of ourselves than we should (Romans 12:3,16). If all the nations are but a drop in a bucket in God’s eyes, what does that make you and me?

To seek one’s own glory is no glory (Prov. 25:27). There’s more hope for a fool than a man who is wise in his own eyes (Prov. 26:12). God wants us walking humbly before Him (Micah 6:8). Even the disciples were constantly talking about who was the greatest (Matthew 18:1-4). Beware of these things, lest Almighty send a “thorn in the flesh” “lest I be exalted above measure (2 Cor. 12:7). We are deceived when we think ourselves to be something, when we are nothing (Gal.

6:3). So we are in fact to esteem others better than ourselves (Phil. 2:3). Who really does that? God wants us clothed with humility (1 Pet 5:5), for He resists the proud and gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Let's not be a modern-day Demetrius, who "loved to have the preeminence" among the brethren (3 John 9).

Yes, let's admit it. Some of us have been a modern day Demetrius. I admit it too. And it stinks.

Who does God take notice of? Remember? He who is of a poor and contrite spirit and trembles at His word. (Isaiah 66:2).

Psalm 34:18

Yahweh is near to those who have a broken heart,  
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

THE WORLD teaches us to be someone. To look out for #1. To have connections. To be SEEN as being someone by the car you drive, the kind of house you live in, the clothes you wear. God is not impressed by any of that.

**Romans 12:16**

Be of the same mind toward one another. **Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.** Do not be wise in your own opinion.

**SO WHAT SHOULD WE SET, AND RESET, OUR LIVES ON?**

**Deuteronomy 32:45-47**

Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 and he said to them: "***Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today***, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe — all the words of this law. 47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

**Colossians 3:1-4**

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.** 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**Daniel 10:12-13**

Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, ***for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard;*** and I have come because of your words.

**1 Chronicles 22:19 as KING DAVID tells the leaders of His day...**

Now **set your heart and your soul to seek Yahweh your Elohim (the LORD your God).** Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of YHWH Elohim...

I think you got the message now. As the world under Satan rushes into one world order, rushes into the foundation of the end time Beast and false prophet – we must be people who have our eyes set on the right goal. We must have our hearts RESET. It's time to reset our lives. It's time to push the reset button of our lives so we're reconnected with Yahweh.

Seek you first the kingdom of God and HIS righteousness.

The Eternal One promises if we will seek Him with all our heart, we will surely find Him. If we haven't found Him yet, it's not His fault. Perhaps we are the ones who need a reset in our lives.

**Remember what we said the word “set” means in Hebrew word *natan*** – to give yourself up to this, to cause it to happen, to surrender yourself to, to deliver something up, to give power to this commitment. When we reset, *we'll do whatever it takes* to seek the Eternal, Yahweh in the Highest – and to find Him, to be one with Him, to be known of Him.

Are you at that level of commitment? Then it's time to reset our lives.

God be with you and may our lives flourish as we reset them on the true values Yahweh has given us. What power we could be having, if we would just be doing this. And yes, I preach first and foremost to myself. In other words, I prepared this – because I needed this correction even more than you probably do. I am resetting myself to seek God.

Until next time, this is your brother in Father's House, Philip Shields. God be with you.