

## 10. 2 CORINTHIANS

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### Chapter 1

2Cor. 1:1 Sha'ul, an ambassador  
of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah  
by the will of YAHWEH,  
and Timothy, our brother,  
to the assembly of YAHWEH which is at Corinth,  
with all the set apart ones who are in all Achaia.

Sha'ul means requested.

Timothy means honoring YAHWEH.

Corinth means satisfied.

Achaia means wailing.

2Cor. 1:2 Favor to you and well-being  
from YAHWEH, our Father  
and The Master, YAHUSHUA, The Messiah.

2Cor. 1:3 Blessed *is* The Elohim and Father  
of our Master YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,  
The Father of compassions  
and The Elohim of every encouragement,  
2Cor. 1:4 Who encourages us in all our trouble,  
in order that we may be able to encourage  
those who are in any trouble with the encouragement  
with which we ourselves are encouraged by YAHWEH.  
2Cor. 1:5 Indeed, just as the hardships of The Messiah  
abound in us,  
so our encouragement also abounds  
through The Messiah.

2Cor. 1:6 Now even if we are oppressed  
*it is* for the sake of your encouragement  
and deliverance,  
which is effective for enduring  
the same hardships which we also experience.  
Or if we are encouraged,  
*it is* for the sake of your encouragement  
and deliverance.

2Cor. 1:7 And our expectation for you *is* stable  
because we understand that  
as you are partners in the hardships  
so also *are you partners* in the encouragement.

2Cor. 1:8 Indeed, we do not want you  
to be ignorant, brothers,  
about our trouble which came to us in Asia,  
that we were burdened beyond measure, beyond ability,  
so much that we despaired even of this life.

Asia means slime; mire.

2Cor. 1:9 Furthermore, we had the sentence  
of death in ourselves  
in order that we might not trust in ourselves,  
but rather in YAHWEH Who raises the dead;  
2Cor. 1:10 Who rescued us from so great a death  
and continues to rescue us,  
in Whom we trust that He will yet rescue *us*,  
2Cor. 1:11 you also assisting by petition for our sakes,  
in order that thanks may be given by many persons  
on our behalf for the gift to us by many.

2Cor. 1:12 Indeed, our boasting is this,  
the evidence given by our conscience  
that we conducted ourselves in the world  
in sincerity and reverent clarity,  
not with fleshly wisdom,  
but in the favor of YAHWEH,  
and have remained in the world  
even more earnestly for your sakes.

2Cor. 1:13 Indeed, we are not writing  
any other things to you  
than what you read or understand.

Now I trust you will understand even to the end  
2Cor. 1:14 as also you have understood us in part,  
that we are your boast as you also are ours,  
in the day of The Master, **YAHUSHUA**.  
2Cor. 1:15 And in this confidence  
I intended to come to you previously  
in order that you might have a second benefit  
2Cor. 1:16 even to travel by way of you to Macedonia,  
and come to you again from Macedonia,  
and be helped by you on my way to Yahudah.

Macedonia means tall.  
Yahudah means YAH will be praised.  
Traditionally 'Judea' is used.  
It refers specifically to the tribe of Judah,  
which is, properly, Yahudah.

There has never been a 'J' in the Hebrew language.  
There has never been a 'J' in the Greek language.  
The letter 'J' was not used until 1500 A.D.

**Therefore it cannot be correct  
in either a Hebrew or Greek text.**

2Cor. 1:17 Therefore, when I was planning this,  
did I do it lightly?  
Or the things I plan do I plan according to the flesh  
that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?  
This is a Hebraic expression  
wherein the duplication is like saying,  
"absolutely yes" or "absolutely no."

2Cor. 1:18 But because **YAHWEH** is trustworthy  
our word to you was not Yes and No.  
2Cor. 1:19 Indeed, The Son of **YAHWEH**,  
**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
Who was proclaimed among you by us,  
by me, Silvanus, and Timothy was not Yes and No.  
On the contrary, in Him it was Yes!  
Silvanus means woody.

2Cor. 1:20 Indeed, all the promises of **YAHWEH**  
in Him are Yes, and in Him amen  
to the praise of **YAHWEH** through us.

2Cor. 1:21 Now He Who establishes us  
with you in The Messiah.  
And He Who has anointed us is **YAHWEH**,  
2Cor. 1:22 Who also has sealed us  
and given us the pledge  
of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** in our hearts.  
Sealed literally means  
stamped for security or preservation.  
Pledge means  
earnest money deposit, down payment.

**pneuma** - a current of air, i.e. breath; vital principle.

The reference here using **pneuma**  
is traditionally given as "Spirit".  
It's capitalized to indicate  
it is the 'Spirit' of **YAHWEH**.

**However, there is no such concept  
in Hebrew thought.**

'Spirit' is a Greek term.  
It would not be used by a Hebrew person.

For the Hebrews the breath  
was seen as "the wind of man".  
It moved in and out of him  
from the depths of his being.  
It was seen to represent his character,  
his inner nature or essence.

In this instance the reference  
is not to the "breath of man",  
but is to "the breath of **YAHWEH**".  
Therefore it is the very essence  
and character of **YAHWEH** Himself.

This is more properly known  
as The Divine Nature of YAHWEH.

2Cor. 1:23 Now I call upon **YAHWEH**  
as a witness concerning my life  
that to spare you I came no more to Corinth,  
2Cor. 1:24 not because we have dominion over your faith,  
but instead we are fellow workers in regard to your joy.  
Indeed, by faith you stand.

## Chapter 2

2Cor. 2:1 Now I determined this within myself,  
that I would not come again to you in sadness.  
2Cor. 2:2 Indeed, if I make you sad  
then who is he who makes me glad  
but the one who is made sad by me?  
2Cor. 2:3 And I wrote this very thing to you  
so that when I came I might not have sadness  
over those from whom I ought to have joy,  
being convinced concerning all of you  
that my joy is the joy of all of you.

2Cor. 2:4 Indeed, out of much sadness  
and anguish of heart  
I wrote to you with many tears,  
not that you might be sad,  
but instead that you might know the love  
which I have so abundantly for you.  
2Cor. 2:5 Now if anyone has caused sadness  
he has not saddened me except in part,  
so that I might not be too severe toward you.

2Cor. 2:6 This punishment which was inflicted by many  
is sufficient for such a man,  
2Cor. 2:7 so that on the contrary, even better,  
you forgive and encourage him lest perhaps such a one  
be swallowed up with too much sorrow.  
2Cor. 2:8 Therefore, I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.

2Cor. 2:9 Indeed, to this end I also wrote  
that I might know by a test  
whether you are listening attentively in all things.

2Cor. 2:10 Now whom you forgive anything I also forgive.  
Now if indeed I have forgiven anything  
I have forgiven that one for your sakes  
in the presence of The Messiah,  
2Cor. 2:11 lest The Adversary might take advantage of us.  
Indeed, we are not ignorant of his devices.

2Cor. 2:12 Furthermore when I came to Troas  
to proclaim The Messiah's good news  
and a doorway was opened to me by The Master.

Troas means a Trojan.

2Cor. 2:13 I had no rest in my Divine Nature  
because I did not find Titus, my brother.  
But taking my leave of them I departed for Macedonia.

Titus means nurse; rearer.

2Cor. 2:14 Now praise be to **YAHWEH**  
Who always gives victory to us through The Messiah,  
and renders apparent the fragrance of His knowledge  
through us in every place,  
2Cor. 2:15 because we are to **YAHWEH**  
the sweet fragrance of The Messiah  
among those who are being delivered,  
and also among those who are being destroyed,  
2Cor. 2:16 to the one the aroma of death leading to death,  
and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.  
And who is sufficient for these things?

2Cor. 2:17 Indeed, we are not as so many,

peddling The Word of **YAHWEH**.  
But on the other hand, according to clarity,  
but on the other hand, according to **YAHWEH**,  
in the very presence of **YAHWEH**  
we speak about The Messiah.  
Peddling means selling for a profit.

### Chapter 3

2Cor. 3:1 Do we begin anew to commend ourselves?  
Or is there need of some letters  
of recommendation to you,  
or recommendations from you?  
2Cor. 3:2 You are our letter written upon our hearts  
known and read by all human beings,  
2Cor. 3:3 because you have been revealed  
as a letter of The Messiah, ministering through us,  
written not with ink  
but with The Divine Nature of The Living Elohim;  
not on tablets of stone,  
but rather on fleshly tablets of the heart.

2Cor. 3:4 Now we truly have  
this confidence toward **YAHWEH**  
because of The Messiah.  
2Cor. 3:5 Not that we are competent by ourselves  
to think of anything as *being* from ourselves.  
On the contrary, our ability is from **YAHWEH**  
2Cor. 3:6 Who also has enabled us  
as attendants of The New Covenant, not of a letter,  
but of a Divine Nature,  
because the letter kills  
but The Divine Nature gives life.

2Cor. 3:7 Now if the ministry of death written on stones  
came with splendor so that the children of Yisra'el  
were not able to look intently at the face of Moshe  
because of the splendor of his face,  
which splendor was being rendered useless,  
2Cor. 3:8 how will the ministry  
of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**  
not be more magnificent?

2Cor. 3:9 Indeed, if the ministry of condemnation  
had splendor,  
the ministry of justification  
exceeds much more in splendor.

2Cor. 3:10 Indeed, even what was made magnificent  
had no splendor in this respect  
because of the surpassing splendor.  
2Cor. 3:11 Indeed, if what is being rendered useless  
was magnificent,  
that which remains is much more magnificent.

2Cor. 3:12 Therefore having such anticipation  
we use great boldness of speech,  
2Cor. 3:13 unlike Moshe who put a veil over his face  
so that the children of Yisra'el could not look intently  
at the end of what was being rendered useless.  
Moshe means drawing out.  
Yisra'el means he who is right with El (God).

2Cor. 3:14 On the other hand their minds were hardened.  
Indeed, until this very day  
the same veil remains unremoved  
in the reading of The Old Covenant.  
Lit. – antique or worn out contract.  
This same thing is rendered useless  
by means of The Messiah.  
2Cor. 3:15 In other words, even until this very day  
when Moshe is read a veil is on their heart.  
2Cor. 3:16 However, when *the heart* reverts to **YAHWEH**  
the veil is completely removed.

2Cor. 3:17 Now **YAHWEH** is The Divine Nature.  
And where The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** exists,  
there is freedom!

Plainly stated - **YAHWEH is The Divine Nature!**  
Here, YAHWEH is identified plainly by Sha'ul  
as The Divine nature.

**HE is the so-called "Holy Spirit".  
There is no third "person",  
and no Trinity.**

A careful study of all the references of Scripture  
will reveal this plainly.

It is not "a person".  
It is The Divine Nature of YAHWEH Himself.

2Cor. 3:18 Now each of us, having an unveiled face  
*that is* reflecting the splendor of **YAHWEH**,  
is being transformed into the same likeness,  
from splendor into splendor, in exactly the same way  
by The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**.

The translation of this verse  
is different than what's found  
in most Bibles today.

The context is our guide.

The discussion is about the splendor  
seen in the face of Moshe,  
which was covered by a veil.

Today believers do not need  
to wear such a veil  
because it has been  
**completely removed in The Messiah.**  
Hence, our faces are allowed  
to reflect the splendor of YAHWEH openly.

#### **Chapter 4**

2Cor. 4:1 Because of this we have this particular ministry.  
Since we have been granted compassion  
we do not become discouraged.

2Cor. 4:2 On the contrary,  
we have disowned the concealed things of shame,  
not walking in cleverness,  
nor adulterating The Word of **YAHWEH**,  
but rather by exhibition of the truth,  
are commending ourselves to every man's conscience  
in the presence of **YAHWEH**.

2Cor. 4:3 But even if our good news is covered up,  
it is covered up to those who are perishing,  
2Cor. 4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded,  
who disbelieve lest the light of the splendor  
of the good news of The Messiah,  
who is the likeness of **YAHWEH**,  
might shine on them.

2Cor. 4:5 Therefore, we do not proclaim ourselves,  
but instead The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**, The Master,  
and ourselves as your servants  
for the sake of **YAHUSHUA**.

2Cor. 4:6 Indeed, **YAHWEH**, Who told light  
to shine out of darkness,  
has radiated brightness into our hearts  
for the sake of illuminating  
the knowledge of the splendor of **YAHWEH**  
by means of the presence of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

2Cor. 4:7 Now we have this treasure in clay vessels  
in order that the preeminence of the miraculous power  
is of **YAHWEH** and not of us.

2Cor. 4:8 We are constricted on every side,  
yet not cramped.  
We have no way out, but are not despondent,  
2Cor. 4:9 persecuted, but not deserted,  
thrown down, but not completely destroyed;,  
2Cor. 4:10 always carrying about in the body  
the dying of The Master, YAHUSHUA,  
in order that the life of YAHUSHUA  
may also be rendered apparent in our body.

2Cor. 4:11 Indeed, we who live  
are always delivered unto death  
because of YAHUSHUA,  
in order that the life of YAHUSHUA  
also may be rendered apparent in our mortal body.  
2Cor. 4:12 So then death is working in us,  
but life in you.

2Cor. 4:13 Now we also,  
having the same Divine Nature of belief  
according to what is written,  
*"I believed and therefore I spoke,"*  
(Ps. 116.10)

we also believe and therefore we speak  
2Cor. 4:14 understanding that He Who has raised up  
The Master, YAHUSHUA,  
will also raise us up because of YAHUSHUA,  
and will stand beside us with you.

2Cor. 4:15 Now all things are for your sakes,  
in order that favor having spread through the many  
might cause thanksgiving to abound  
to the honor of YAHWEH.  
2Cor. 4:16 Consequently we are not discouraged.  
And even though our outward person is utterly decaying,  
yet the inner being is being renovated day by day.

2Cor. 4:17 Indeed, our light trouble,  
which is but for a moment,  
is working for us a far more exceeding  
eternal abundance of honor  
2Cor. 4:18 while we do not consider  
the things that are seen,  
but the things which are not seen.  
Indeed, the things which are seen are temporary,  
but the things which are not seen are eternal.

## Chapter 5

2Cor. 5:1 Indeed, we understand  
that if our worldly residence,  
the human body, is demolished  
we have a structure from YAHWEH,  
a residence made without hands,  
eternal in The Heavens.

2Cor. 5:2 Indeed, in this we also sigh,  
intensely craving to be clothed with our residence  
which is from The Heaven  
2Cor. 5:3 if indeed having been clothed  
we will not be found naked.

2Cor. 5:4 Indeed, we who are in temporary residence  
also groan being weighed down  
not because we want to be unclothed,  
but rather further clothed in order that mortality  
may be swallowed up by The Life.

Mortality is not merely swallowed up  
by living/life.  
It is swallowed up by Eternal Life.

Hence, The Life is capitalized  
to reflect this distinction.

2Cor. 5:5 Now He Who has fashioned us  
for this very thing is **YAHWEH**,  
Who also has given to us the earnest money deposit  
of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**.

2Cor. 5:6 So also accordingly,  
we are always courageous,  
understanding that while we are at home in the body,  
we are absent from The Master.

2Cor. 5:7 Indeed, we walk by trust, not by sight.

2Cor. 5:8 We are courageous.  
But we also think it even better  
to be absent from the body  
and to be present with The Master.

2Cor. 5:9 Consequently we are eager,  
whether present or absent,  
to be fully acceptable to Him

2Cor. 5:10 because we must all appear  
in front of the judgment seat of The Messiah,  
so that each one might be responsible  
for the things *done* in the body  
in accordance with what he has performed habitually,  
whether good or bad.

2Cor. 5:11 Knowing therefore  
the reverence of The Master  
we persuade human beings.  
But we are well known to **YAHWEH**.  
And I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2Cor. 5:12 Indeed, we do not  
commend ourselves again to you,  
but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf  
so that you might have an answer for those  
who boast in appearance and not in heart.

2Cor. 5:13 Indeed, if we are beside ourselves  
it is for **YAHWEH**.  
If we are of sound mind it is for you.

2Cor. 5:14 Indeed, the love of The Messiah compels us,  
deciding in this way that if One died for every one,  
then every one died.

2Cor. 5:15 And He died above all *else*  
that those who live  
might no longer live for themselves,  
but rather for Him Who has died for their sake  
and has been raised up.

2Cor. 5:16 Therefore, from now on we consider no one  
according to flesh.

Even though we have known The Messiah  
according to flesh  
yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

2Cor. 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in The Messiah  
he is a new creation.

The old has passed away.

Behold! Everything has become new!

This is very important to comprehend.

The old that has passed away  
is the old "human nature".

In the state of forgiveness  
our offenses are no longer  
counted against us.

We are set free from the debt we owe  
by the death, resurrection, and ascension  
of YAHUSHUA, The Messiah.

We now have a "new nature".

Sha'ul (Paul) refers to this at some points as "the new man".  
In reality it is The Divine Nature of YAHWEH which now dwells within a believer.

This indeed makes everything "new".

2Cor. 5:18 Now everything is from YAHWEH,  
Who has reconciled us to Himself  
through YAHUSHUA, The Messiah,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation  
To reconcile is to make different.

2Cor. 5:19 That's how YAHWEH was  
by means of The Messiah  
reconciling the world to Himself,  
not counting their lapses against them.  
And He has placed in us  
the message of the reconciliation.

2Cor. 5:20 Truly then, we act as representatives  
on behalf of The Messiah in accordance with YAHWEH  
having invited you through us,  
begging for the sake of The Messiah  
that you be reconciled to YAHWEH.

2Cor. 5:21 Indeed, the One who has not known offenses  
for our sakes has been made an offense offering,  
in order that we might become justified by YAHWEH  
through Him.

The concept of the offense offering  
was extremely well known  
to the early believers.

It's not that The Messiah  
was made to "become an offense",  
or "to offend", but rather,  
that He became the "offense offering",  
the sacrifice by which  
our offense debt was paid in full.

**hamartia** – a sin, an offense.  
It can also refer to an offense offering.

What is traditionally called "sin"  
is more accurately identified as an offense.  
It's an offense against YAHWEH  
because it is a direct act of rebellion  
against His instruction.

Traditional translations  
fail to identify the Truth  
that there are only two choices in life  
- to do according to YAHWEH's instructions,  
or to do according to YOUR way.

The second is rebellion.  
It is offensive to YAHWEH, Your Creator!

## Chapter 6

2Cor. 6:1 Now we being fellow workers urge you  
not to receive the favor of YAHWEH in vain.

2Cor. 6:2 Indeed, He says:

*"In an approved time I have heard you,  
and in the day of deliverance I have helped you."*  
(Is. 49.8)

Behold! Now is the accepted time!  
Behold! Now is the day of deliverance!

2Cor. 6:3 Give not even one, in any thing,  
a cause to offend

in order that our ministry may not be blamed!

2Cor. 6:4 On the contrary, in everything we ourselves  
are standing together as attendants of YAHWEH  
in much cheerful endurance,  
in troubles,  
in constraints,



in calamities,  
2Cor. 6:5 in wounds,  
in imprisonments,  
in instabilities,  
in labors,  
in sleeplessness,  
in fastings;  
2Cor. 6:6 in purity,  
in knowledge,  
in fortitude,  
in usefulness,  
in The Set Apart Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**  
in sincere love,  
2Cor. 6:7 in the word of truth,  
in the miraculous power of **YAHWEH**,  
through the armor of right actions,  
on the right hand and on the left,  
2Cor. 6:8 through honor and dishonor,  
through bad report and good report;  
as impostors yet true;  
2Cor. 6:9 as unknown yet well known;  
as dying, yet behold, we are living;  
as disciplined, yet not put to death;  
2Cor. 6:10 as sorrowful, yet always cheerful;  
as beggars, yet making many rich;  
as possessing nothing, yet possessing everything.

2Cor. 6:11 We have spoken openly to you, Corinthians.  
Our heart is enlarged.

2Cor. 6:12 You are not restricted by us.  
But you are restricted by your inner affections.

2Cor. 6:13 Now in return for the same  
(I am speaking as to children), you also be enlarged.

2Cor. 6:14 Do not become unequally yoked together  
with disbelievers!

Indeed, what participation has justification with illegality?

This is a significant issue with Sha'ul.

He knows the dangers of doing this.

We are warned

to "come out from among them" (Is. 52.11),  
to be set apart.

Yet today it's common practice among us.

Believers participate with unbelievers

in "Christian fellowship" every day.

This ought not be so!

And what partnership has light with darkness?

2Cor. 6:15 And what accord has The Messiah  
with worthlessness?

Or what portion has a believer with a disbeliever?

Traditionally used here

is a transliteration of the Hebrew term, **bliya'al**.

It means without profit or benefit, worthlessness.

2Cor. 6:16 And what agreement  
has The Temple of **YAHWEH** with idols.

**Indeed, you are the temple of The Living Elohim.**

As **YAHWEH** has said:

*"I will dwell in them and walk among them.*

*I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people."*

(Lev. 26.12, Jer. 32.38, Ezek 37.27)

2Cor. 6:17 Therefore,

*"Come out from among them and be separate,*

*says **YAHWEH**.*

*Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."*

(Is. 52.11)

2Cor. 6:18 *"I will be a Father to you,*

*and you will be My sons and daughters,*

*says **YAHWEH**, The Almighty."*

(2 Sam 7.14)

## Chapter 7

2Cor. 7:1 Therefore having these promises, beloved,  
cleanse yourselves from all filthiness  
of flesh and of nature,  
further fulfilling sacredness in fear of YAHWEH.

The term for fear  
indeed conveys the idea of alarm or fright.  
It's appropriate to be afraid  
of what YAHWEH can do to us  
as a result of our sin  
– our rebellion against his authority.

Remember that there are  
consequences for such actions.

A healthy form of fear  
helps us to remember Who He is  
and the awesome power He has at His disposal.

2Cor. 7:2 Make room for us.  
We have wronged no one.  
We have corrupted no one.  
We have cheated no one.

2Cor. 7:3 I do not say this to condemn.  
Indeed, I have said before that you are in our hearts  
to die together and to live together.

2Cor. 7:4 Great is my bluntness toward you.  
Great is my boasting on your behalf.  
I am filled with encouragement.  
I am exceedingly happy amidst all our trouble.  
2Cor. 7:5 And indeed, when we came into Macedonia  
our bodies had no rest,  
but rather we were squeezed on every side.  
Outside were controversies.  
Inside were fears.

2Cor. 7:6 Nevertheless YAHWEH,  
Who encourages the humiliated,  
encouraged us by the coming of Titus,  
2Cor. 7:7 but not only by his coming,  
but also by the encouragement  
with which he was encouraged by you,  
having told us of your earnest desire, your mourning,  
your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

2Cor. 7:8 And even though I made you sorry with my letter  
I do not regret it.  
Although I did regret it,  
because I perceive that the same letter made you sad,  
though only for a while.  
2Cor. 7:9 Now I am glad, not that you were made sad,  
but that your sadness led to a change of mind.

Indeed, you were made sad in a reverent manner,  
in order that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

2Cor. 7:10 Indeed, according to YAHWEH  
sadness accomplishes a change of mind  
*leading* into irrevocable salvation.  
But the sadness of the world accomplishes death.

2Cor. 7:11 Indeed, observe this very thing,  
that having been saddened in a godly manner  
how much eagerness it produced in you,  
how much self defense,  
how much indignation,  
how much fear,  
how much earnest desire,  
how much zeal,  
how much vindication!  
In all things you proved yourselves  
to be innocent in this matter.

2Cor. 7:12 Therefore although I wrote to you,

I did not do it for the sake of him  
who had done the wrong,  
nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong,  
but that our care for you in the sight of **YAHWEH**  
might be rendered apparent to you.

2Cor. 7:13 For this reason we have been encouraged  
through your encouragement.

And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus,  
because his nature has been refreshed by you all.

2Cor. 7:14 Indeed, if in anything  
I have bragged to him over you  
I am not ashamed.

On the contrary, as we spoke all things to you in truth,  
even so our boasting to Titus has been found *to be* truth.

2Cor. 7:15 And his affections are greater for you  
as he remembers the attentive listening of all of you;  
how with fear and trembling you received him.

2Cor. 7:16 Therefore I rejoice  
that I have confidence in you in everything.

## Chapter 8

2Cor. 8:1 Now brothers,  
we make known to you the favor of **YAHWEH**  
that was given to the assemblies of Macedonia,  
2Cor. 8:2 because in a great trial of affliction  
the abundance of their joy  
and their profound poverty abounded  
through the riches of their sincerity.

2Cor. 8:3 Because I give witness  
that according to their ability,  
and voluntarily beyond their ability,

2Cor. 8:4 they were begging us  
with much encouragement  
that we would receive the gift  
and the partnership of the ministering  
to the set apart ones,

2Cor. 8:5 and not as we had expected.

Indeed, they first gave themselves to **YAHWEH**  
and then to us by the will of **YAHWEH**.

2Cor. 8:6 So we urged Titus that as he had begun  
so he might also complete this favor among you as well.

2Cor. 8:7 Therefore as you abounded in everything,  
in faith,  
in speech,  
in knowledge,  
in all earnestness,  
and in your love for us,  
see that you abound in this favor also.

2Cor. 8:8 I do not speak this as an order,  
but because of the eagerness of others,  
and to prove the genuineness of your love.

2Cor. 8:9 Indeed, you know the favor of our Master,  
**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
that although He was rich,  
for your sakes He became poor,  
in order that you through His poverty have become rich.

2Cor. 8:10 And in this I give my opinion,  
that it is to your advantage  
not only to be doing what you began  
and were desiring to do a year ago,  
2Cor. 8:11 but now you also  
must complete the doing of it,  
in order that as there was a readiness to desire it,  
so there also may be a fulfillment out of what you have.

2Cor. 8:12 Indeed, if there is first a willing mind  
it is accepted according to what one has

and not according to what one does not have.

2Cor. 8:13 But I do not mean  
that others should be eased  
and you burdened,  
2Cor. 8:14 but rather with an equality,  
that now at this time your abundance  
might supply their lack,  
so that their abundance also might supply your lack,  
in order that there may be equality.  
2Cor. 8:15 Just as it is written,  
*"He who gathered much had nothing left over,  
and he who gathered little had no lack."*  
(Ex. 16.18)

2Cor. 8:16 Now thanks be to **YAHWEH**  
Who placed the same earnest care for you  
into the heart of Titus,  
2Cor. 8:17 because he not only received encouragement,  
but being more diligent,  
he went to you of his own accord.

2Cor. 8:18 Now we have sent with him the brother  
who has commendation in the good news  
throughout all the assemblies.  
2Cor. 8:19 And not only that,  
but he was also chosen by the assemblies  
to travel with us with this gift  
which is administered by us  
to the honor of **YAHWEH** Himself and your readiness,  
2Cor. 8:20 avoiding this lest anyone might blame us  
because of this abundance  
which is administered by us,  
2Cor. 8:21 providing good things  
not only in the sight of **YAHWEH**  
but also in the sight of men.  
2Cor. 8:22 And we have sent with them our brother  
whom we have frequently  
proved diligent in many things,  
but now much more earnestly  
by the great confidence which we have in you.

2Cor. 8:23 If anyone inquires about Titus,  
he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you.  
Or if our brothers are inquired about,  
they are messengers of the assemblies,  
the honor of The Messiah.  
2Cor. 8:24 Therefore indicate to them  
before the assemblies  
the proof of your love  
and of our boasting on your behalf.

## **Chapter 9**

2Cor. 9:1 Now concerning the ministering  
to the set apart ones  
it is superfluous for me to write to you.  
2Cor. 9:2 Indeed, I know your willingness,  
about which I boast of you to the Macedonians,  
that Achaia was ready a year ago,  
and your enthusiasm has stirred up the majority.  
2Cor. 9:3 But I have sent the brothers  
lest our boasting of you  
should be in vain in this respect, in order that as I said  
you may be prepared.

2Cor. 9:4 Perhaps if some Macedonians come with me  
and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!)  
would be ashamed of this confident boasting.

2Cor. 9:5 Therefore I thought it necessary  
to encourage the brothers  
to come to you ahead of time  
and prepare your generous gift beforehand

which you had previously promised  
so that it may be ready as a matter of generosity  
and not as of a grudging obligation.

2Cor. 9:6 Now this I say, that one who sows sparingly  
will also harvest sparingly,  
and he who sows bountifully  
will also harvest bountifully.

2Cor. 9:7 *Let each one give*  
just as he intends from the heart,  
not from grief or from distress.  
Indeed, **YAHWEH** loves a willing giver.

2Cor. 9:8 Moreover **YAHWEH** is able  
to make every favor abound toward you,  
in order that you,  
always having every contentment in everything,  
abound in every good work.

2Cor. 9:9 Just as it is written:  
*"He has dispersed abroad.  
He has given to the poor.  
His right actions endure forever."*

(Psa. 112.9)

2Cor. 9:10 Now may He Who fully supplies  
seed for the sowing  
and also supplies bread for eating  
also increase the scattering of your seed  
and increase the produce of your right actions,  
2Cor. 9:11 being enriched in everything  
for every generosity,  
which causes, through us, gratitude to **YAHWEH**.

2Cor. 9:12 Indeed, the administration of this service  
not only supplies the needs of the set apart ones,  
but also is abounding through many thanksgivings  
to **YAHWEH**.

2Cor. 9:13 Through the approval of this ministry  
they honor **YAHWEH**  
on behalf of your acknowledged subjection  
to the good news of The Messiah,  
and for your sincere participation  
with them and all men.

2Cor. 9:14 And they pray for you,  
earnestly longing after you  
because of the exceeding favor of **YAHWEH**  
*which is* upon you.

2Cor. 9:15 Now thanks *be* to **YAHWEH**  
for His indescribable gift!

## Chapter 10

2Cor. 10:1 Now I, Sha'ul, am myself encouraging you,  
through the gentleness and fairness of The Messiah,  
who according to my presence  
am indeed humble among you,  
but being absent am bold toward you.

2Cor. 10:2 But I ask you that when I am present  
I may not be bold  
with the confidence with which I intend to be bold  
concerning some who think of us  
as if we walked according to flesh.

2Cor. 10:3 Although we walk in flesh  
we do not conduct warfare according to flesh.

2Cor. 10:4 Indeed, the weapons of our warfare  
are not fleshly,  
but on the *contrary* are powerful through **YAHWEH**,  
for the demolition of fortresses,

2Cor. 10:5 demolishing reasonings  
and every exalted thing  
*that is* raising itself up  
against the knowledge of **YAHWEH**,  
and capturing every perception

for the sake of attentive listening to The Messiah;  
2Cor. 10:6 also being ready to punish all disobedience  
whenever your obedience has been made full.

2Cor. 10:7 Do you look at things according to  
the outward appearance?

If anyone is convinced in himself  
that he is The Messiah's  
let him consider in himself again  
that just as he is The Messiah's,  
even so we are The Messiah's.

2Cor. 10:8 Indeed, even if I might boast  
more abundantly of this authority,  
which The Master has given us for edification  
and not for your destruction, I will not be ashamed,  
2Cor. 10:9 in order that you might not think  
I would terrify you by my letters.

2Cor. 10:10 "For his letters," they say,  
"are weighty and powerful,  
but his bodily presence is weak,  
and his speech contemptible."

2Cor. 10:11 Let such a person consider this,  
that what we are in word  
by letters when we are absent  
such we will also be in deed  
when we are present.

2Cor. 10:12 Indeed, we dare not  
count ourselves among  
or compare ourselves  
with those who commend themselves.  
On the contrary, they,  
measuring themselves by themselves,  
and comparing themselves to themselves  
do not understand.

2Cor. 10:13 We, however,  
will not boast beyond measure,  
but rather according to the measure of the standard  
which **YAHWEH** has appointed for us;  
a measure which extends even to you.

2Cor. 10:14 Indeed, we do not over extend ourselves  
(as though our authority did not extend to you),  
because we came even to you  
with the good news of The Messiah,

2Cor. 10:15 not boasting of things beyond measure,  
(about other men's labor)  
but having hope that as your trust is increased  
we will be greatly increased by you within our boundary  
2Cor. 10:16 to proclaim the good news  
in the regions beyond you,  
and not to boast in another man's  
sphere of accomplishment.

2Cor. 10:17 Now

*"he who boasts, let him boast upon **YAHWEH**."*  
(Jer. 9.24)

2Cor. 10:18 Indeed, not he  
who commends himself is acceptable,  
but whom **YAHWEH** commends.

## **Chapter 11**

2Cor. 11:1 Oh that you might put up with me  
in a little foolishness.

And indeed you do put up with me.

2Cor. 11:2 Indeed, I am jealous for you  
with **YAHWEH's** jealousy,  
because I have betrothed you to One Man,  
presenting *you* as a clean maiden to The Messiah.

2Cor. 11:3 But I fear lest somehow  
as The Adversary seduced Eve

through the very same trickery,  
in this same way your thoughts might be corrupted  
from the singleness that is in The Messiah.  
Eve (actually, Chavvah) means life giver.

2Cor. 11:4 Indeed, if one comes  
proclaiming a different **YAHUSHUA**  
whom we have not proclaimed,  
or if you receive a different nature  
which you have not received,  
or a different good news which you have not accepted,  
you might well put up with it!

There are many counterfeits in the world.  
It is The Adversary's key strategy  
to deceive by providing something  
that "looks" like the real thing, but is not.

Be very careful that you  
are not deceived by such things.

This is what Sha'ul is warning about.

2Cor. 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not at all inferior  
to the most eminent ambassadors.

2Cor. 11:6 Even though I am untrained in speech  
yet I am not in knowledge.

Furthermore, we have in everything  
been revealed in your midst by everything.

2Cor. 11:7 Did I commit an offense in humiliating myself  
in order that you might be exalted  
because I proclaimed the good news of **YAHWEH**  
to you free of charge?

2Cor. 11:8 I robbed other assemblies,  
taking wages *from them* to minister to you.

2Cor. 11:9 And when I was present with you and in need  
I was a burden to no one.

Indeed, what I lacked the brothers  
who came from Macedonia supplied.  
Also in everything I protected myself  
from being burdensome to you,  
and so I will protect *myself*.

2Cor. 11:10 Because the truth of The Messiah is in me,  
no one will stop me from this boasting  
in the regions of Achaia.

2Cor. 11:11 Why? Because I do not love you?  
**YAHWEH** knows!

2Cor. 11:12 But what I do I will also continue to do  
that I might cut off the opportunity  
from those who desire an opportunity  
to be regarded just as we are  
in the things of which they boast.

2Cor. 11:13 Indeed, such are false ambassadors,  
deceitful workers,  
transforming themselves into  
ambassadors of The Messiah.

2Cor. 11:14 And *this is* nothing to be wondered at  
because The Adversary himself  
disguises himself as a messenger of illumination.

2Cor. 11:15 Accordingly it is no great thing  
if his servants are also disguised  
as servants of justification,  
whose end will be according to their works.

2Cor. 11:16 I say again,  
let not even one think I am stupid.  
If otherwise at least accept me as being stupid  
so that I also might boast a little.

2Cor. 11:17 What I speak  
I do not speak according to The Master,  
but rather as if in senselessness

in the essence of this boasting.

2Cor. 11:18 Since many boast according to the flesh  
I also will boast.

2Cor. 11:19 Indeed, you put up with stupid ones sweetly,  
being thoughtful.

2Cor. 11:20 You even put up with it  
if anyone utterly enslaves you,  
if anyone devours you,  
if anyone takes from you,  
if anyone exalts himself,  
if anyone strikes you on the face.

2Cor. 11:21 To our shame I say  
that we were too weak for that!

However, in whatever anyone is bold  
(I speak senselessly.)  
I am bold also.

2Cor. 11:22 Are they Hebrews? So am I.  
Are they Yisra'elites? So am I.

Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

2Cor. 11:23 Are they servants of The Messiah?  
(I speak as insane.)

I more so:

in labors more abundant,  
in stripes above measure,  
in prisons more frequently,  
in deaths often.

2Cor. 11:24 From the Yisra'elites five times  
I received forty stripes minus one.

Considered to be one stroke short  
of killing the person being beaten.

2Cor. 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods.  
Once I was stoned.

Three times I was shipwrecked.

A night and a day I have spent in the deep.

2Cor. 11:26 Traveling frequently,  
dangers from rivers,  
dangers of robbers,  
dangers of my own countrymen,  
dangers of the Gentiles,  
dangers in the city,  
dangers in the wilderness,  
dangers in the sea,  
dangers among

pretended associates,

2Cor. 11:27 in weariness and stress,

in sleeplessness often,

in hunger and thirst,

in fastings often,

in cold and nakedness;

2Cor. 11:28 besides the other things,

what comes upon me daily,

my deep concern for all the assemblies.

2Cor. 11:29 Who is weak and I am not weak?

Who is made to stumble

and I do not burn with indignation?

2Cor. 11:30 If I need to boast

I will boast in the things which concern my weakness.

2Cor. 11:31 The Elohim and Father of our Master,

**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

Who is blessed for eternity,

knows that I am not lying.

2Cor. 11:32 In Damascus the governor  
under Aretas, the king, was guarding  
the city of the Damascenes with a garrison,  
desiring to arrest me.

2Cor. 11:33 But I was let down in a basket  
through a window in the wall  
and escaped from his hands.



## Chapter 12

2Cor. 12:1 Now being that it's not profitable  
for me to boast  
I will then go on to visions  
and revelations of The Master.

2Cor. 12:2 I knew a man in The Messiah  
about fourteen years ago.

(Whether in the body I do not know  
or whether out of the body I do not know.

YAHWEH knows.)

Truly, this one was taken even into the Third Heaven.

*harpazo* - to seize.

It comes from a word that  
to take for oneself; to choose.

It's not clear by anything we have in Scripture  
what the "Third Heaven" specifically refers to.

2Cor. 12:3 And I knew truly this man  
(Whether in the body or out of the body  
I do not know. YAHWEH knows.)

2Cor. 12:4 He was taken into Paradise  
and heard inexpressible utterances  
which it is not right for a human being to utter.

2Cor. 12:5 Of such a one I will boast,  
but of myself I will not boast except in my weakness.

2Cor. 12:6 Indeed, though I desire to boast  
I will not be stupid.  
Indeed, I will speak the truth.  
But I refrain lest anyone might think of me  
beyond what he observes me to be or hears from me.

2Cor. 12:7 And in order that I did not become arrogant  
by the abundance of the revelations  
a thorn in the flesh was given to me,  
a messenger of The Adversary,  
in order to buffet me lest I become arrogant.

Note the shift to the first person account,  
following the discussion of the revelations.

It was Sha'ul  
to whom the revelations were given,  
by YAHUSHUA Himself.  
Other portions of Scripture confirm this truth.

This is a most profound and important point  
to recognize about Sha'ul's experiences.  
No other "apostle" had this experience.

**Sha'ul was taught by The Messiah Himself  
through direct revelation  
– and even more importantly, after His ascension.**

2Cor. 12:8 Concerning this thing  
I pleaded with The Master three times  
that it might depart from me.

2Cor. 12:9 Yet He said to me,  
"My showing favor is sufficient for you,  
because My miraculous power  
is made complete in weakness."

*teleioo* – to complete;  
to accomplish; to finish.

This has often been translated as "perfect",  
but that's an improper connotation.

Therefore, with great pleasure,  
I will rather boast in my weaknesses  
that the miraculous power of The Messiah  
may abide upon me.

2Cor. 12:10 Therefore I am well pleased  
with weaknesses,

with insults,  
with distresses,  
with persecutions,  
with calamities,  
for the sake of The Messiah,  
because when I am weak then I am powerful.

2Cor. 12:11 I have become stupid by boasting.  
You have made it necessary for me.  
Indeed, I ought to have been commended by you  
because I am inferior to not even one  
of the most eminent ambassadors  
even though I am a nobody.

2Cor. 12:12 Truly the signs of an ambassador  
were accomplished among you with all perseverance,  
in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

2Cor. 12:13 Indeed, in what were you  
inferior to other assemblies,  
except that I myself was not burdensome to you?  
Forgive me this wrong!

2Cor. 12:14 Look, for the third time  
I am prepared to come to you.  
And I will not be burdensome to you  
because I do not seek *what is* yours,  
but rather *I seek* you.  
Indeed, the children ought not  
to lay up *wealth* for the parents,  
but instead the parents for the children.  
2Cor. 12:15 And I will very gladly incur cost  
and be spent for your lives,  
although the more abundantly I love you  
the less I am loved.

**psuche** – breath, spirit, life.

**A person does not have a “soul”.**  
That's a Greek creation  
that came along far after  
YAHWEH created Adam.

He gave Adam “the breath of life”,  
**not** a “soul”.

2Cor. 12:16 But be that as it may, I did not burden you.  
Nevertheless being crafty I caught you by cunning!  
2Cor. 12:17 Did I take advantage of you  
by any of those whom I sent to you?  
2Cor. 12:18 I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him.  
Did Titus take advantage of you?  
Did we not walk in the same Divine Nature?  
Did we not walk in the same steps?  
2Cor. 12:19 Again do you think that we  
give an account of ourselves to you?  
We speak in the presence of **YAHWEH** in The Messiah.  
Now everything, beloved, is for your edification.

2Cor. 12:20 But I fear lest somehow when I come  
I will not find you such as I wish  
and that I will be found by you  
such as you do not wish,  
lest somehow there are  
contentions,  
jealousies,  
indignations,  
selfish ambitions,  
backbitings,  
whisperings,  
conceits,  
instabilities;  
2Cor. 12:21 lest somehow when I come again  
my Elohim will humiliate me in front of you,  
and I grieve many who have already offended

and have not reconsidered concerning the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

### Chapter 13

2Cor. 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you.

*“By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word will be established.”*

(Deut. 19.15)

2Cor. 13:2 I told you before and now forewarn you as if I were present the second time.

Even now being absent

I write to those who have already offended and to all the rest

that when I come again I will not be lenient

2Cor. 13:3 because you seek a proof of The Messiah speaking through me Who is not weak toward you but powerful in you.

2Cor. 13:4 And even though He

was crucified out of weakness,

yet He lives by means

of the miraculous power of **YAHWEH**.

Indeed, we also are weak in Him.

But on the other hand, we will live with Him

by means of the miraculous power of **YAHWEH**

on your behalf.

2Cor. 13:5 Examine yourselves,

whether you are in the faith!

Test even your own selves!

Do you not recognize for yourselves

that **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, is in you,

unless you are still unapproved?

Here Sha'ul identifies

that **YAHUSHUA, The Messiah is in you.**

Previously he identified

that **YAHWEH** is The Divine Nature

that resides in you.

Hence, **YAHUSHUA** is here

equated with **YAHWEH**.

Since they are "one" (unified),

it is the same Divine Nature,

whether of The Father or of The Son.

2Cor. 13:6 Now I trust that you will know

that we are not unapproved.

2Cor. 13:7 Now I want you to do

nothing intrinsically worthless,

not so that we might appear approved,

but so that you might do what is honorable,

even though we might seem unapproved.

2Cor. 13:8 Indeed, we can do nothing against the truth,

but rather *what is* for the truth.

2Cor. 13:9 Now we are glad when we are weak

and you are strong.

And this also we desire, your completeness.

**karatisis** – thorough equipment; perfection.

2Cor. 13:10 For this reason

I write these things being absent

lest being present I act with abruptness

according to the authority

which The Master has given to me

for the sake of edification and not for destruction.

2Cor. 13:11 Finally, brothers, farewell.

Be complete!

Be encouraged!

Be of the same thinking!

Be peaceful!

And The Elohim of love and peace will be with you.

2Cor. 13:12 Greet one another with a sacred kiss.

2Cor. 13:13 All the set apart ones greet you.

2Cor. 13:14 The favor of The Master,

**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

and the love of **YAHWEH**, and the partnership

of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** be with you all.

Amen.