

## ***Jan. 16 -***

Hello and thanks for joining in on to today's daily devotion. Today is Saturday January 16th. The 7th day of the Hebraic week. And everybody says, "HalleluYah".

Our verse today is John 12:42,43

John 12:42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

This is just so sad to read. "for they loved praise from men more than praise from God." We can look at this and say how it is happening with many people still today in the light of people coming to understand that Torah is still for today, But they don't want to give something up. Friends, income, status, you name it.

But this can apply across the board on many levels. If YHWH convicts your heart on a particular topic in the scriptures that may oppose what the majority of your close friends believe, are you willing to stand up for truth? Are you willing to be cast out of your "circle" of friends? Can we really call them "friends" if we have to choose them over what our savior is telling us? If they are so apt to cast us to the side, even if it's just on a social or even just a mental level, should we really consider them friends?

If it ever comes to a choice between being 100% obedient to YHWH or keeping certain friends, may we always choose YHWH.

Let this be a focus in your time of meditation throughout the day. Until tomorrow, shalom!