



Dear Friends,

Here at Living Springs Institute we are working on a new project, and we would like your help in making it the best it can be! With this letter, you have received a 2009 daily planner. This calendar is a prototype of what we hope to produce in the future. Its purpose is not strictly promotional - though we will take whatever help it gives us in that area - its primary purpose is to teach truths found in God's Word!

Most of us are very familiar with all the holidays proclaimed by the church, but far too few have much awareness of the days God Himself gave to Israel, in the law. The planner which has been sent with this letter is an attempt to teach the calendar God gave. Using a real life, day by day way, it gives you the Biblical calendar alongside the calendar we are all familiar with. Our hope is that this planner will be a Biblical education as well as useful in organizing your daily life.

In the front of the planner, there is an introduction teaching which will help you understand some of the most basic elements about how God laid out Israel's calendar. It covers some of the differences in the modern Jewish calendar, and it has a basic discussion on the feast days. Beyond the written teaching given in the planner itself, there is a companion book in the works, which we hope to have available later in 2009. It will have much more information and teaching to help you go even deeper in your understanding!

Now, here is what we are asking of you. We understand that not all of those who have received this planner have any need or desire to use a daily planning calendar. However, even if that is the case, it may be something you will find of interest just for the information it contains. So whether you like to use a planner or not, we would like to get your feedback on this project. As I started this letter by saying, the planner you have received for 2009 is a prototype of what we would like to produce in years to come. This means everything in this planner may not be perfect, or done in a way which people find useful. That is what we would like your help with.

Along with this letter, you should have received a survey. As a blessing to this ministry, we would like for you to fill out this survey and send it back to us. The survey is simple, and it is made up of the most important points we could think to ask about. However, we would like to have any and all input you may have on this project, so don't be shy. Please feel free to write down any questions, comments, statements, or remarks you may have. We know there is no way to please all the people, all the time; but the simple matter-of-fact is that the more input we get the better we can make this planner.

Now, here's the catch. The year flies by for all of us, and that is why this 2009 planner prototype is getting to all of you a "little" late! For this, I apologize; but I hope at least some of you will get the chance to use it. Because a year goes by so quickly, and many people don't normally wait until the end of the year to distribute a planner, we will need to get your surveys and other input by no later than the latter part of August 2009. Now, this does not mean if you forget and do not get your response in by then you should forget about it. We are always open to input on a project like this, but in order to make any changes to the 2010 edition which your comments may foster, we will need to hear from you by late August.

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If some of you are like me, it may be hard to remember you ever had a survey by later in the year; so I want to give you a couple of things to keep in mind if you would still like to help. First, if you could just look over the planner and see what you think. Then you can fill out your survey right away and send it back. Your input will still be useful because it will give us a chance to obtain some first impression responses. Another thing to keep in mind is that you can write or e-mail us at any time, whether you have or haven't sent in your survey. For e-mail, you can simply write to projects@shaqah.com or any of our other addresses. We will be sure to get it into the right hands. For regular mail, please send surveys and other responses to Living Springs Institute, P.O. Box 271, Loveland, CO 80539.

There is no need to personally identify your survey or other correspondence with you; and I assure you none of the information you send us will be catalogued with personally identifying information. If for any reason you would like to have a response to something you send, please specify that you would like us to respond to you. If you do not, we will assume all questions posed in your correspondence are simply meant as points for us to consider. One more assurance I want to make is that this is an internal project, and none of your information or responses will be shared with entities outside of Living Springs Institute!

I know your time is extremely valuable, and that is the very reason we are producing such an educational product. However, I want to acknowledge that we did not ask any of you to be a part of this project ahead of this letter. So please receive this planner as our free gift to you. Whether you intend to input or not, we just hope you will enjoy it! I want to thank you all just for taking the time to read this letter, and I want to say a big "Thank you" in advance for any responses you may share. We appreciate you being a part of this ministry, and pray you will continue to grow daily in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sincerely,
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