

A LEADER

What is a leader? **Webster defines it;** *one that leads; guiding head.* Other definitions or words used to mean leader are: *boss, head, guide, bigwig, master, mentor, captain, foreman, manager, pioneer, prophet, director, superior, commander, conductor, patriarch, forerunner, pathfinder, supervisor, torchbearer, trailblazer.*

All of these, and more, would suffice in various situations. the leaders we have today in the physical realm are elected, chosen, or appointed. They have a title and are easily recognizable or accessible. They are willing to give advice or guidance because of the fact that they agreed to be a leader. They usually work their way up the corporate ladder or established the corporation or group of which they place themselves as leader. A leader must have followers or he leads nothing. There does not necessarily have to be agreement for a particular entity to function. Most of the time it's a matter of survival as in the case of a job. The consensus is you hate your boss but you follow his leadership to get a paycheck or you get along to advance yourself in the company. In the case of social groups and organizations where there is a leisurely atmosphere a leader is usually chosen because of their status in the town or community. Everyone strives to get along and act according to protocol.

We know that if we don't like the way things are going we can voice our opinion or objection through the proper channels or if the leader is elected, we can vote them out of office next election and even campaign against them. We could even go so far as to leave the group or organization. But then we would be marked as a malcontent and might not be invited to be a part of another group.

In the religious system of this day one can shop around to see which organization fits their tastes or they may be in a denomination which they grew up in. One might even seek God from church to church as I have done. You can check out the system which you are considering being part of whether it has a pope for its' head or if it has bishops or elders.

There will be people ready and willing to help you learn all about their religion, their bible studies, sunday school, and their present leader the pastor, preacher, priest, or rabbi. Here again these leaders are appointed, chosen, or elected. If one is not desirable they can be replaced by the authorities or through the proper procedures or by term policies.

Since we want our leader to be someone we would like to follow, What type of leader should we seek? Someone who cares about "me"? Someone who cares about the well-being of the entire group of followers? Someone who knows what each individual needs, and can and will

provide it? Someone who will teach us what we need to know and proper conduct to fill our position? Someone who would even take the responsibility when we goof up and pay our liabilities? Someone who would fight our battles for us? Someone who tell us we did a good job? I answer yes to all of these questions. There is not a man alive who has all of these attributes or the power to fulfill these requirements. So we must look elsewhere if we are going to find such a leader. God has provided such a leader in YAHSHUA the Messiah.