

## Authority, Part 1

In training our children we will receive either a blessing or a curse in this life and in the age to come. The Bible speaks of those who are cursed with illnesses, violent deaths, early death, and of those who are blessed with long life, who die at a natural time, who live long enough to see the fruit of their labor. The blessing or the curse will be upon both the parent and the child.

Pr 10:1 speaks of a blessing and a curse for the parent. Pr 23:24; 29:17; 31:28 — These are a few verses in the Proverbs about the blessing of those who train their children up in the way they should go. Pr 10:1 mentions the foolish, self-confident son. From Pr 17:21 you can see that it is possible that you can be the father of a fool. And it says that the one who becomes the father of a fool does so to his own sorrow. If you are the father of a fool, you will have no joy in this life (Pr 29:15). And a child will bring his mother shame if he is left undisciplined (neglected, NRSV).

So we see the blessing and the curse. By our obedience to His word we will receive the blessing or the curse. There are verses that promise great joy and happiness to parents who raise a wise child. Pr 31:28 shows how a mother will receive special honor as her children grow up. The actual word says her children will *glorify* her. It is by the godly lives they live in the Edah that the children bring honor to or glorify their mother. The blessing and the curse of child training are what bring about the joys and sorrows in this life. Much of the blessing in child training comes after the child grows up. The parents who follow the truth in child training will receive blessing.

The rod expiates — takes away the guilt — from a child's heart. If the rod does not reach the child's heart, nothing can take the guilt away from him. Nothing else can do it, according to the Word.

These verses in Proverbs clearly tell us what the parents will encounter if they fail to carry out the commandment to discipline their children. If they fail to cry out for

wisdom to discipline them properly they will fail to raise a wise son. He will bring shame to them and defile many.

If a child rebels in youth or early adulthood, you will see that parent cursed, not blessed. And it continues as the parent sees his child living selfishly in the Body, wanting his own way, still having a hard time eating the things he doesn't like; and the parent sees the child's self-centered attitude affect all of his dealings with others in the Body and knows that it is because the guilt is still on the child's heart and he cannot atone for it. This sorrow and shame continues as the parent sees the child in willful selfishness. He will bring shame to them, not blessing.

The spoiled child will bring grave consequences to the land, which might otherwise have been blessed. Down through history the land of the expression of the Body of Messiah has been cursed and not blessed. Mal 4:6 — *It is all centered on child training* — passing on their spirit to the next generation. There are reasons they failed. They were lacking in grace and this was because they were lacking in faith. Faith comes by hearing and obeying the word. So if the father's heart was turned to the child's heart early enough (Mal 4:6), he would have grace to carry out this mandate. The way we train our children is in direct proportion to the salt and light that we will be to the rest of the world.

Many in the Edah will experience Mt 10:21. The children have become instruments of cursing to their own parents. According to the word of God, their parents did not really, truly love them. Pr 13:24 talks about *loving* and *hating*. We know that the only way to erase the guilt in a child's selfish heart is with the rod. Without it, guilt will remain in his heart and there will be no way he can be saved. These children will be raised in the Edah and will be a corrupting influence in the community. If your parent loves you, he will see to it that the guilt is removed from you. If he doesn't, he will spare the rod and of course will have reasons why he does not discipline you for this or that.

Pr 13:24 and 20:30 goes with Mal 4:6. If his father loves him, he will scour the evil away from his heart with the rod. If he does not, he will spare the rod and it will not go deep enough to scour it away. It has to go to the bottom of the heart. If you spare it and it only goes *almost* to the bottom, then *that* much evil will remain and that is the evil that they will use to turn against their parents and have them put to death.

A wise child makes a father's heart glad because a father sees the fruit that the rod has borne in his child's life; he sees the fruit of his labor.

Nothing can cause more grief in parents than seeing the fruit of their labor turn sour. They had labor, but it was not diligent enough. They held the rod back from its full effect and the child was not saved. Some of us have almost experienced that sadness and grief in our hearts already. When we see our grown children with that selfishness and rottenness in them, wanting their own way, rebelling, unable to control their mouth because what is in the heart comes out of the mouth. And life cannot be relived after you have spent your life in vain and all you have is a curse and not a blessing. Except for death, the worst thing a person can experience is knowing that his child will experience eternal death because of his lack of love, care, discipline in training his child.

Child training is not a hit-or-miss proposition that you have no control over. It is not just that there are good children and bad children. There is no bad seed in the Edah when children have been procreated by their parents — if they were *wanted* by them.

Pr 20:30 — The word is clear: fruit from a good tree is good. Our Master said a good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. If the fruit is bad, the tree is bad. Our Father has provided His truth to enable every parent to receive a blessing rather than a curse. Receiving a curse is being cut off from Israel or from the kingdom. Receiving a blessing is to be worthy of the kingdom.

It is the responsibility of each true parent who has received the Holy Spirit to seek this truth and apply it even if you have failed miserably up to this point. It usually takes about 16-20 years to raise either a fool or a wise child. Just think what it would be like if

you had spent 20 years and all you raised was a fool. And think, too, of the blessing it would be if you spent 20 years and raised a wise child. It is possible by His grace and mercy to rectify even ten years of raising a fool and to start the child over again on a path of wisdom for the remaining six to ten years. Even if you have failed up to this point, it is barely possible to make up for your slackness. But with grace and mercy it is possible. To accomplish this feat, which is something that is almost impossible, you have to strain every fiber of your being.

You may be able to rectify ten years of bad training by extreme diligence, and through the fear and knowledge of our Sovereign (but if it is 16-20 years it is too late). The only help for you to rectify this is to look at Pr 2:1-6. The reason you have raised a fool is that you have not reached the proper fear of the Sovereign — you do not fear Him. But if you do, you will cry out for the wisdom and grace he can give you to raise your child according to His way. If a person fails to cry out for this he will never have the wisdom, knowledge and right fear of the Lord.

You have to begin *now* with a commitment to the word of our God and His perspective on such an important matter as child training. Many people who raised a fool up to this point did not commit themselves to the Word and to our Father's perspective on child training. You can see in child training the maximum expression of what true love or hate is. The true expression of love or hate can be found in child training. If you spare the rod, you hate your child. It does not matter what your feelings are. Feelings are deceptive. A lot of people say they love someone, but millions of people have deserted their so-called lovers in a time of panic or danger. Even though they have great feelings, their feelings evaporated in the moment of grave danger to their own lives. But our Master Yahshua did not desert us at the moment when danger came to His life. And we have to have that same love for one another. He who does not have it has not passed from death to life.

In child training is the maximum expression of what true love is and what hate is (Pr 13:24). No amount of attention or material benefits that the parent can give his child can take the place of the love and caring of turning his *own* heart to his child. Unless his heart is absolutely turned as a result of absolute love, that child will not grow up in the way he should go — and when he is old he will depart from it.

Our Father knows your weaknesses and everything about you and He has still granted you your children as a gift. He says, “I will help you, you worm Israel.” We *are* worms in some ways. But He will help us if our heart is turned. You will receive a blessing from persevering in the way of righteousness. Pr 13:9 — The lamp of the righteous grows brighter, but the lamp of the wicked furnishes only a temporary light. The glory that is in a man (because the Father has given it to Yahshua and Yahshua has given it to man) is the joy he has because he knows he is doing right. But if a person’s heart is not turned to his child and he knows he is not disciplining his child until the evil is out, his light is going to go out because he knows he is compromising.

Pr 23:15-16 — When you see a child speaking right things from the heart, which is what his mouth speaks, your heart will rejoice.

Ps 16:9 — “My heart is glad and my glory rejoices.” Our Master gave each disciple glory and grace. There is glory that rests upon each person — the inner joy a person has in him. The more you hate wickedness and love righteousness, the greater that joy will be and the brighter that light will shine. Our heart is glad and our glory rejoices because we know we are doing what God desires for us to do as disciples and if we die we will not see death (verse 10). A parent’s inner parts — his inner self — is the glory within him that rejoices because he knows it is because of his own obedience. His inner joy is joy that radiates from the light that shines from him. It is the light in Isa 49:6 and 1 Pet 2:9.

Ps 33:20-22 — “Our souls earnestly wait for Him; our heart rejoices” *in proportion* to our waiting and hoping in Him. It is according to how we wait on our Master Yahshua

and hope for Him. In child training we have to have this waiting, this hoping, this longing, this loving.

The fact that God has entrusted you with this life makes you accountable for this gift of life. Every child is a gift of life. God is a responsible Creator. He has a plan and purpose for everything He creates. In Ps 127:3, “fruit of the womb” refers to the physical results of human reproduction. If you are working with the Creator in having a child (meaning that you want a child and you rejoice when you become pregnant), this child was *procreated*, not merely *propagated* like animals are. Rabbits, rats, etc., are propagated; human beings are procreated if their parents were working with the Creator to bring a person to this earth, to raise him to fulfill the purpose he was created for. You are responsible to the Creator who gave that child to you to make sure this happens.

Children are a heritage from YHWH. The term *heritage* refers to the source of the child’s life. *Heritage* is a gift from the free will of the donor. No one has hereditary rights on your child. He is a gift from God. You are to procreate all your children with Him and *for* Him. Isaac was desired. Every cell in Sarah’s body wanted and desired that child. And Abraham wanted a child desperately. *Israel procreates; the nations propagate.*

If this child is procreated, our Father will give you your child as a gift, plus, the grace to raise that child for Him. Why did you want the child you have now? What was your purpose for having your children? Most of the human race has not realized the purpose of their own existence, let alone the purpose for their children. It merely satisfies a human instinct — like an animal. It is not co-working with the Creator for His purpose. You can see by the state of the world that man has propagated generations with no purpose except to satisfy that instinctive desire in a woman (which, in its unfallen state, *should work with* the Creator).

Fallen man is not a responsible procreator. He usually finds himself a parent without a purpose or plan for his child. But if a child is procreated, he is brought into

existence for a purpose. Fallen instincts are no longer a driving force in us. Our children are brought about through the will and intentions of the heart of redeemed man.

A father who is a procreator has a plan and purpose, just as our heavenly Father had a plan and purpose for us. He had a plan and purpose for His own Son's existence — for every son. It is a great and magnificent plan that eye has not seen (1 Cor 2:9). There is a plan, on this earth, in this life, which is for us to walk in those good works that He has prearranged for us — every day. And in the next life, He has greater works for us. And in the life to come after that, it has not even been conceived in the heart of man what God has created him for. In order to be in the next age, we have to spend our lives walking in the works He prepared for us in this life.

After having children in the world, we envisioned how they would all turn out. We hoped they would be somebody, be moral, wise and honorable. But we had no vision of how this would be attained. But God has a plan for each child who was procreated. Each child was placed in a family as part of this plan. He has set each procreated child under his parents. These are responsible parents who have desired and even prayed for their child to be born to them. God has a plan and purpose for each child whom He places in a family. Each child is a life from God. That life is placed in a special body and in a family under the parent's control for approximately one fourth of his life or until he gets married or until he grows up into adulthood. Children are dependent on their parents for an extensive training ordeal. This is the only chance to train that child for the future ages. If they failed in the first part of their life, they failed eternally in training that child in the way he should go. It is a great ordeal to train our children. (An ordeal is a test.)

It is better to not have children if you are not going to raise them up to be a blessing to you. Animals only have temporary life and a physical existence. But a human child needs training for his soul, which is eternal. Animals train their young for their physical existence, but we must train our child's soul.

Parents are responsible to train their children according to the plan and purpose of their Creator. They are responsible and held accountable, but they do it by His rules and instruction and by His grace. You may have the Word, His rules and instructions, but they are virtually useless without His grace — the favor and power from Him to enact them. It is virtually impossible to obey the word without grace. Grace is what we need. That is why we cannot be saved apart from the Body — apart from hearing the word by which faith comes. We stand in grace by faith. Faith is confidence and assurance.

*Many people shared the encouragement and vision they received from what they heard.*

**N'su** — I'm thankful that we are a people who are procreators and that our Father has us co-working with Him that we can train up our children. I'm thankful our Father has given us the opportunity to procreate and raise up a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a chosen race. Our children are the ones who are going to fulfill all the promises and prophecies and all the prophecies in Revelation.

**Haggai** — I see that we do not just co-work with our Father in the procreation of our children, but we also share in the joy our Father has in seeing a nation being born. Just as a father has joy in seeing his child grow up wise, our Father has joy seeing his purpose come about through us, and he includes us in His joy. Just as we are blessed by our obedient children, so is our Father blessed in our obedience.

We are desired children and our Father has a plan for us — as in child training — if we are obedient to His word we are blessed, so we benefit in doing His will. That is the love of our Father that He really includes us in His will. He created us with a plan for our future, like we have a plan for our procreated children. If we are diligent to train them to fulfill this plan we are blessed. We are co-workers in pro-creation, sharing in His work, and our Father is blessed.

**Baruchah** — We spare the rod if we do not discipline to reach their heart. Tonight I lost a false concept I had of sparing the rod. I saw that it is that you do not get to the bottom of the heart. I'm thankful we have a faithful Father who sees our hearts and He will give us grace if we cry out to Him.

**Meshullem** — I understand why the first Edah fell away. They missed it in child training. If we miss it, the kingdom will not come about. We can build ten lodges, but if we miss it in child training, we miss it. This put a



fear in me to not spare the rod and to seek my blind spots to not pass on my blind spots to my children.

**Jehu** — There is a danger there that we can raise a fool. Our Father wants us to know that and stir our spirit up that we would not let that happen.

**Ben Nabiy** — I'm thankful that we can actually start to see our children from the same perspective as our Father. That He wants to bring a holy race about. That we need to come to Him and seek His grace and fear Him and see what His will is and take to heart what happened in history — how the land was always cursed because the hearts of the parents were not truly turned toward their children. There is either a blessing or a curse. One is going to happen. I desire that it be a blessing. I'm thankful to see it out of His view how important child training is so that we would truly commit ourselves to truly raising our children.

**Emiko** — I see clearly that our Father gave us children as a gift and grace to raise them up. When I was in the world I wondered why I didn't want to have children. I know it was selfishness. But then I came here and desired to have children. But now I know our Father created man with a special purpose different than animals because He had a purpose for us. I am thankful that he heard my desire that He gave us a child.



## Authority, Part 2

Eph 6:1 is a word to the children to obey your parents in the King for they are His representatives. To obey or disobey your parents is the same as if you obey or disobey God. In Eph 6:2 he uses the word *honor*. This means to esteem, estimate the fixed value of someone, value as precious, your father and mother. This is the first commandment with a promise (Ex 20:12), that all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth in order to realize all of our Father's promises, in order that you would not die young. Children who dishonor their parents die young. Children who honor their parents live a long life (Eph 6:2-4).

*TRAIN* — Heb 12:10-11 talks about being trained as legitimate procreated children. Pr 22:6 — *Train*. If you train a horse, you have to break the horse. Before you can teach him anything, he has to be broken; he has to be trained by you. You have to be your horse's sovereign. You have to bring him under your control. You have to draw him along by discipline. You have to get his attention, causing him to turn by drawing his attention. Training is a gradual process. You cannot do it all at once. We as disciples are trained by a gradual process.

If you as parents desire the best for your children, you will obey the commandments to train your child. You will win them by drawing them to you and ultimately to our Master. Your training requires that they receive your authority in their deepest innermost parts (Pr 20:30) in order that your training is accepted. There is no way you can *teach* them before you *reach* them. You have to reach your child before you can teach your child. As parents, before your child will receive your instruction to him, the child must first honor your position. The parents have a position. They are placed in that position to be honored and respected by their children. *Honor* translated from Hebrew means to revere or have great respect for. *Honor* actually means to regard with fear, mingled with respect and affection. It is the estimate, the value you set on your

parents. Some parents are held in higher regard by their children than other parents (Ex 20:12). Some are feared more than others. Some parents are not respected by their children at all. The children are commanded to honor their parents. Even if the parents are failing and falling short, the child is still commanded to honor them. Children are commanded to honor both the father and mother. Parents are to receive from their children the respect due to their position.

To *parent* means to cause to happen, to bring into being. After the child is brought into being, the parent causes him to go in the way of the Sovereign. The parents bring the child into the world by their intention and they intend to train that child in the way of the word of God.

Even if your parents are not as respectable as they should be, or if you, as parents, are not as respectable as you should be, you still hold the position. If you were to be evaluated on a scale of 1 to 10, how do you think your children would rate you? Would they give you a 10 if they were honest?

Children are to honor their father and mother, regardless of their failures, because of their position — a God-given position of rulership over their children. The parent is the ruler of the child as Messiah is our ruler. They represent Yahshua to the children the best they can. They represent Yahshua to their children according to how much *glory* they have in them.

You may think yourself little in your own eyes, but in our Father's eyes you have a great responsibility. He commands your children to honor you. So parents, neither the mother nor the father, should ever allow disrespect to be shown toward them. If you allow disrespect and dishonor to be shown toward you, you have to answer to God Himself whom you represent, because you represent God to your children. You stand in His place to your children. He will hold you accountable if you allow any disrespect at all. You deserve the utmost respect from them because of your position. You have the

right to rule just as elders have a right to rule in the Edah. The word says *obey your elders for they have watch over your souls*.

Parents have the right to rule, but not to *exasperate* their children. The word *exasperate* (Eph 6:4; Col 3:21) means to provoke, infuriate, cause to fret. Do not be hard on them or harass them lest they become discouraged and sullen and morose and feel inferior and frustrated. Do not break their spirit (Amplified, Col 3:21).

Parents are to rule, but not to break their spirit. If you have a horse you have to break his will, but not his spirit. If you do not break his will, he will lead his own selfish life and not be fit for the king's carriage. You are training your children to rule the universe someday and the training period starts when they are born. Our Master rules over every aspect of our being, but He never breaks our spirit. He breaks our will, but not our spirit. Our will has to be broken to do His will. Even His own Son said, "Not My will, but Your will be done." The Father's will and the Son's will were not separate. The father's will and his children's will have to be one.

You, as parents, know the difference between ruling your child and discouraging him. True rulership means to encourage. *TO ENCOURAGE!*

When we see our old self-life being dealt with, it encourages us. Parents must know the balance. Children will carry resentment in their hearts if the father (or someone else) has exasperated them. (The parents have full authority over the child — no one else — only the parents and whomever the parents give the right to discipline their child.)

If someone says to a child, "You're going to Spain tomorrow," before asking the parents, that is out of order. It is lawlessness because the parents have absolute authority and you must always check with the parents.

God has given the parents the right to rule — not necessarily because they earned the right to rule or the right to be honored. It is good to desire to earn it, but He has given that right to them regardless. The degree to which the child can honor is the

degree to which the parent exercises his God-given proper authority to rule that child. Our Master is perfect, impeccable, so we have to honor Him absolutely. If we fall short of that we have to be disciplined and repent because he is worthy of our honor and worship — *worship*.

But parents are not going to be perfect; neither will our children's honoring of them be perfect. But it is like the man with the ten talents. You have to use every single talent that you have. Children are to honor their parents because they hold a position of authority. *Position* is the place where they have been placed by God to represent *His* authority. Parents hold a position of authority in God's place. The one must represent the other (without being the other) to the third. As with Moses and Aaron in Ex 4:16, Moses had the *position* as God over the people like parents have that position over their children.

It is necessary that you know His words, the Proverbs, the gospels and epistles and the Old Testament as much as possible. Then you will have a basis of knowledge and wisdom to draw from to make your judgments. The more you judge objectively, the more respect will be due to you as parents. But if you judge subjectively according to your feelings, then you will surely err. In the same way, elders must not speak subjectively, according to their feelings, or they are going to make many mistakes. But if they judge objectively, they will see the wisdom of their judgments. You must rule with the word of God.

You must know the principles of true authority. We are beginning a lifetime of service under good, righteous authority, but we are only *beginning*. It is like seeing a building that is in the process of being built. You go to see it in the early stages and it is covered with scaffolding. You cannot even see the building itself. Everything looks disorderly. But if you see underneath the scaffolding a building *is* being built. *We* are in a lot of disorder now, but the day is going to come when we are in order. A lot of people

have come and gone and judged too quickly. They judged according to their feelings and not according to the truth.

You, as parents, need to understand the principles of authority in order to accept and function in the position God has given you. The same is true if you are a single remaining parent.

In Gen 18:19 you can see our position as sons of Abraham and why Abraham was chosen and why he was foreknown by God so that he would train his children. He was chosen to train his children (Heb 2:16). He is the father — Abraham — so he is the first parent of the offspring Israel. He was chosen to command his sons after him to keep the way of YHWH. We know that we are the seed of Abraham (Gal 3:29). If you belong to Messiah, who is Abraham's seed, then you are Abraham's seed. The promise is the land in Israel — all the land. Israel has never gained that land. He chose Abraham to train his sons to make a people who walk *in the way they should go* in order that the promise would be gained by those who *have* been trained, making a nation that is worthy to rule with Him. In 4000 years that has never happened. It must happen in this age in the restoration of the twelve tribes of Israel who are scattered in the world.

Our responsibility is weighty. We are to be honored. *Honor* in Hebrew is *kabed* — to be heavy, weighty. As parents you are to be honored. If you are going to be honored, you have to act with the authority that has been delegated to you. If you are a delegated authority, you have been sent.

Authority is a word that is almost rejected in the world today because there is so much *bad authority*. Now people regard authority as something bad. Authority is a concept that causes negative reaction in those who do not understand its proper meaning and use. People from the 1960s on, especially in America, have been programmed against the concept of authority. The general attitude results in distrust of all authority, disrespect for all positions of authority altogether. Many parents have given up their role and have withdrawn even the proper use of their authority. We need to

know the principle of authority so we will not be deceived into a *programmed reaction* against the *very thing* God has established to save us. In the world, if a person does not respect authority there is no hope for him for he is not worthy of the nations. If he respects authority he will go to the first death, but not necessarily the second — he may go to the nations. Our conscience should teach us to honor authority, but the whole world now has a programmed reaction against the principle of authority, which is the very thing God has established to save us.

### **Characteristics of Authority**

We must learn the characteristics of God's authority to determine the principles of human authority. We must determine the principles of human authority. We must know this as parents, and represent His authority properly. Your child may have been a mistake in your eyes, but our Father has a purpose for that child so you must repent and become proper parents through the reforming of your mind, exercising your authority.

Authority means the right to rule. The more erect the rod is, the more accurately you are going to judge. The plumb line goes straight down — this is essential for proper building. If it is not erected by the plumb line, the building cannot be built perfectly. Thus without absolute authority from the Master, the temple will not be built. We are a temple being built, and when that temple is built (Mal 3:1) with the absolute standard of the word of God and the Spirit, He will come to it. You have to have both. You cannot have the Spirit without the word — it would be impossible to build on the word without the Spirit. If you have only one, the building cannot be built.

Authority is the power to act, the power to decide, the power to command, the power to judge — legal power. Parents have legal power over children. Authority is power, rule, sway, influence. The Body may be going off course, but when a person with authority comes he can bring it back into rightness. It is possible that bad authority can sway the Body also. Your wife can sway you to wrong action. Queens have swayed kings



to wrong judgments. Satan sways us many times. Eph 2:1; Gal 1:4 — You were under the sway of the driving force of this age. You were obedient to him and were under his control. Now if you are in the air with your head uncovered you are still under the evil prince and power of the air. He is the one who causes you to hate the idea of authority, but without authority this Body could not have been established. Without authority Island Pond could not have been established. Without authority no community of the Body of Messiah could be established. Without authority parents cannot discipline their children. They have legal authority to act in God's place.

Parents *have* authority. You have been given the authority. Mt 28:18 — “I have all authority ... therefore go make disciples...” He sent them in His Name, in His place, to make disciples. They are authorized to do what they do. Parents are authorized by God to discipline their children; they stand in God's place. Jn 13:20; Lk 10:16; Rom 10:14; 1 Jn 4:6 — These are spiritual *principles*.

If this legal power is given to parents, then this authority is to be used. Parents are agents to bring about a change. Apostles and sent ones are agents to bring about a change. If they do not use the authority they have been given, they lose their right to rule. If parents do not use their authority over the child, he becomes wild and selfish. Those parents do not properly represent the Sovereign God, therefore they will not be fit for the kingdom because what we are going to do in the kingdom is rule. If we do not use our authority (your talent, whether 10, 5, 2, or 1), then you lose your right to rule in the next age. You must be aggressive (*takeef*), motivated by the Spirit of God, righteous authority. If good government is in authority, everyone rejoices. But if wicked government is in power, there is going to be rebellion, insurrection, revolt.

Good government is here to protect you. If it were not for policemen, we would live in fear. People come against policemen because of their authority. Now policemen are fearful to even use their authority to punish evildoers because the public and the

press always come against them. They will not let policemen use their guns (swords). This is in the nations, and they have to use the authority they have.

In the same way, if you are a parent, you have to use the authority you have. Parents are authorized; they derive their authority from the legal authority of God. He is the one who gave the children to their parents to raise them for a little while to be Sons of God and rule the universe in His place. He wants to dwell in us forever and rule the universe through us. His authority is invested in parents to procreate, and to discipline. We know that procreated children are loved. Propagated children are hated. Procreated children are disciplined because their parents love them. Propagated children are not disciplined because their parents do not really love them.

You must know this so that you will understand your authority and you can pass it on to your children and them to their children in order for something wonderful to happen. The promise to Abraham is going to come true if we understand authority.

Parents have been given the right to set policy. Policy is fundamental constitution that is carried out and backed up by the constitution. Parents have the rulership to command subordination. Children are subordinate to the parents and the parents have the power to administer judgment to those who disobey. They have the power to reward those who conform to their word.

At first glance it may appear that all authority is unbridled power used to oppress those who are subjected to it. This has been true in socialist countries where they tell people what to do and give them money (welfare), housing, etc. But this is bad authority, falsely used, which is oppression. There has been bad authority everywhere — bad kings, bad presidents, bad mayors, but it does not change the principle of authority. All things have to be restored.

Over the past 2000 years true authority has been destroyed in the church. The prince of the power of the air has made his inroads into Christianity and it will not stand. It has put a bad light on all authority. Its excesses have made men fear authority. But the

power of true authority is not without controls or limits. God has established rules and boundaries to control the power. The United States Constitution had tried to establish the proper balance of power, knowing that the government is only established to defend and protect the people. But now socialism is creeping in and taking away individuals' personal freedom, so even in the USA, soon they will be controlled beyond proper limits of authority.

But the US government was originally set up so that the power would be in the hands of the people, not the government. Our Father has established rules to govern the use of all authority. The US government knew how dangerous it would be to put authority in the unchecked hands of men. They had had to rebel against the unjust authority of England and God allowed the US to win that war in order to bring about His purpose. He is sovereign over earthly governments.

Dan 4:34 — God is supreme over Nebuchadnezzar and over *all kings*. Nebuchadnezzar had the most powerful rulership in all the earth, but God disciplines kings and he disciplined Nebuchadnezzar for several years (Dan 4:17,25,26,32).

The *Most High* is a title that is used for God, not man. It is a title to describe God's absolute position of authority. No one is above Him. We are in His hand and are secure in His hand — at peace, at rest.

Dan 4 describes the extent of God's rule. He has the right to rule all He creates and the right to use His creatures according to His will. In Dan 4:35 Nebuchadnezzar says that even as king, he has no right to say to God, "What are you doing?" The Creator's authority is over the inhabitants of the earth and the entire angelic creation. He rules over everything. We are safe in His hands when we are in Him.

We must know about authority to be Israel. Otherwise we could not be Israel, could not establish the twelve tribes. We would only be Christians who are waiting to die so they can go to heaven.

**Jehu** — I see how we got influenced by the sway of the prince of the air with lack of respect. The whole world comes under that. Our Father is bringing us back. We want to raise our children in the way of our Father and people cannot even understand it anymore.

**N'su** — I saw we've been given the complete authority to carry out our Father's authority. There is no power on earth that can hold us back from carrying out His purpose if we give ourselves to Him, except for something in us. But if we give ourselves under His authority, no hand can come against it if we are submitted to him.

**Jonathan** — We have been given authority to rule over our children in his place. It is a great responsibility — in His place. It is important to represent Him perfectly. Since we have been given authority we have to use it. If we do not, we misuse it.

**Andreas** — We have good government. I see more and more government is good so I give up more and more my rebellion.

**Asher** — I am thankful there is a new picture of authority. I see that behind this authority is a purpose. Yahshua has all authority and He has given it to us to establish his authority on earth. Christians do not want authority. Because it is practical in a lot of ways...

*Yoneq encouraged Asher, who has been in the Body for about 6 months, that if he could not express what was really in him, it was OK. He said it was a miracle to be able to connect what is in your soul and your mind and make it come out of your mouth to where other people can understand what you are saying. So don't worry about eking it out. He said that someday we are all going to speak with authority and people are going to hear and say 'God is in your midst'.*

**Meshullem** — Where there is good authority there is peace and where there is no authority there is chaos. We have to represent our Father to our children and that is only if we know Him. The way we know Him is to listen to our brothers and sisters and if we are in this order then we come to know our Father.

**Yoceph** — In the last two nights I have been hearing the blessing and the curse. I have hope. There is a blessing if we discipline our children in the right way. If no there — is a curse. If we truly train them then we will be honored by them — the blessing. If we do not, then we will be dishonored — the curse. I see that there is a standard that our Father is raising on the face of the earth for us as parents. But He does not leave us a standard and then leave us without anything to attain it. But last night I heard that He

gives us grace and tonight I heard that He has given authority. He gives us grace if we heed what he tells us. We have been given authority as parents because our Father put us in that place. He gave us the authority and He provides the grace.

I'm thankful I am understanding this so I can actually start doing that. I'm thankful that there is a people who are coming to understand that in their hearts. Prov 13:9 — There is a light that is going to grow and increase and shine brightly — those who are righteous. But the light of the wicked goes out. I know there was a candlestick once and the candlestick went out because the parents did not raise up their children — a second generation. And maybe there have been other people who wanted to do something but they did not ever train their children in the way they should go. But our Father is now giving us the opportunity to understand that the grace and authority has been given to us to raise up a generation of children who will follow in the ways of our Father and be part of that people who will be a light to the nations in order to represent good authority — a people who represent God on the face of the earth. People will see that there is good government with good authority which comes from the Creator.

Just as authority has been misrepresented by bad authority, our Father has been misrepresented on the earth by bad representatives who claim to know Him. It is hard for people to submit to Him because all they have ever seen is Christianity, which does not represent the character of our Father — oneness. I see the importance of what we are hearing tonight. It has everything to do with the hearts of the fathers being restored to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, Mal 4:6. I'm thankful that I have a gauge for myself of what I'm going to do, if I'm going to heed the words of our Father or know, and I know the consequences. I have hope because in my heart I know I want to do it. I want to heed the words I hear. I desire the blessing. I don't want the land to be cursed. I want to see the blessing come to my family, to the wholeedah, to the earth so that a nation could be born so a light could come to the earth so Yahshua's kingdom could come to the earth.

**Lebanah** — In the world I had a [certain] image of authority but now I see Caleb David and I read King David. He is like King David. He was so humble and for that he was king. He was representing our Father.

We have a good king and all the people rejoice.

Amen.



### Authority, Part 3

*At the beginning of the teaching tonight, Daniel ben Chazaq shared what he had heard in the last teaching about child training. Pr 23:15-16; 23:24 — When the parents raise up their children right they are glad. They have true glory upon them, because they ruled their children well, they have light shining from them, and that light is the glory. That is what spoke to me because that light is the same light that is spoken of in Isa 49:6, the light to the nations. In raising our children right we will be that light.*

The stem are the begetters, those who begin something new. The stem of the ship is what takes all the beating and battering of the ocean, breaking the waves. We are the stem. We are the ones who have been brought in out of the world. Our children will not have been in the world like we were, so it will not be so difficult for them to raise their children. But it is very difficult for us because we have been raised in the world by parents who did not train us. Therefore we have things like self-centeredness, laziness, and selfishness in us that have not come out. We will have a great tendency not to want to confront our children — to avoid the conflict that there is in child discipline.

Because we were untrained by our parents, we are self-centered, selfish, and lazy and we want to avoid the effort of training our children. We have a tendency to just want to play with them, to be entertained and to avoid responsibility. So our laziness causes us to overlook things in our children that need to be dealt with. It teaches us to look for ways to avoid conflict because we do not want to pay the price — the conflict of opposing wills. So we hide behind our excuses by saying, “Well, children will be children,” or, “Let them be children,” or, “They’re just going through a stage.”

But the word of God says that if we love them we will be diligent to discipline them. This is a great hardship on us, being the stem, because we ourselves have not been trained. But by grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit (whom we must submit to) we must undertake this task of raising our children. We must *overcompensate* for our lacks — our laziness, self-centeredness, selfishness, our desire to play, to be entertained, and

to avoid responsibility. Because no one really loved us, it is going to be hard for us to love our children.

Certainly it is not a feeling, an *emotion* of hate, but it is that we do not love them enough to get to the root of their problem. We must endeavor to correct their development in every area of their young lives or we do not truly love them. If we give an excuse for their rebellion or bad attitude, calling it a *stage*, we miss our opportunity to love them. If parents miss that opportunity to train that child while he goes *through* that stage, he will remain unpruned. While he is going through a certain stage it is the pruning time for him so that he will not retain the bad characteristics of that stage (the terrible twos, the rebellious threes, the reasoning fours, etc.). Pruning is important during that time. You think they will pass through this time and their behavior may change, but the bad characteristics will resurface later. During the stage is the time to prune; otherwise they remain unpruned.

We have matured past those stages, too. That is why we remain lazy, self-centered, etc. Because no one pruned us during those stages, we did not change. If we do not prune them during those stages, they will remain lazy and self-centered all of their lives, and if that happens, our God will not set up His Kingdom, because the sin in us will go down to the third and fourth generation. If the stem does not overcompensate, making up for their lacks by grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will not be able to train their children. There is nothing greater to which we should devote ourselves than child discipline.

Who can say that they do not have a tendency to be lazy, self-centered, and selfish when it comes to the most important task they have to do, training their children and raising the Male Child? We were unchecked, but we cannot allow our children to go unchecked through these stages. Our Father has given us the authority to train our children. These children actually are His children whom He has given to us. We are raising them and they are going to be sons of God in the universe someday. He has



caused them to be born and He has given us the authority to raise them to be His sons. The world does not understand that this is why the world's children cannot be sons of God.

God, as the Creator, has the right to set policy. This means He has the right to establish, set fundamental principles of government. That is what a constitution is, an established policy, established fundamental principles of government, frame of civil government or powers and duties defined and designated. Policy has to be established so that people can be governed properly by God's authority which He has set up on earth so that people can find a way to Him (Acts 17:26-27).

When there is chaotic, disorderly government, you cannot find God there because God's government cannot find its way there. Government is set up for *order* not chaos. Any government that does not protect people's rights is not true authority. That is why we will not be in certain countries. That government is basically evil. Socialist and communist countries leave no room for anyone to grope for God, thus the kingdom of God will not be able to be set up in those nations.

The Creator has the right to set policy for all creation according to His own will and purpose and plan (Mt 5:17-19). He has the right to command obedience to its laws, constitution, and principles of government in order that people could have liberty and freedom to search for God and find Him. He has the ultimate position of rulership above all leaders that He might direct their actions. Our God is directing governments in nations of the earth so that the gospel could be preached in those countries where a few years ago you could not even go. He also has the power to administer, execute justice. Pr 29:4 speaks about crooked government (crooked judges), contrasting a government that takes bribes and a government that rules justly. Pr 16:12 —The power to punish evil and to reward good is in the hands of God and in good government. Since ultimate authority belongs to God, any legitimate right to rule must be delegated by God. *Delegated* means

sent to act for another with same authority (Mt 28:18). He will deal with bad authority. Thus certain dictators are being overthrown and run out.

Rom 13:1 — Be loyal and be loyally subject to the governing authorities in the nations, community, family. Wherever the authority be, let each person be loyal to it because there is no authority without God's permission and sanction. Those who exist do so by God's appointment. We are commanded to pray for the civil authorities in the nations. We can bring to power these governing authorities. Governmental authorities exist by God's appointment sometimes because of our prayers.

Power or authority — the right to decide or act. Ruling or official powers, such as elders and apostles in the Edah, and earthly powers in the nations, have authority. God commands every individual to place himself willingly under the position of any rulership that exists above him. We have rebelled against that starting in the 1960s on through the 1990s. Some people rebelled by dropping out and heading to the mountains. We saw that most government was corrupt and therefore we threw away all the principles of government and authority.

This is a Body principle (and also the earthly principle of authority in government), that every member places himself under the position of rulership — under the head who is supreme over all the parts of the Body. Just like a hand obeys its head's command to move, we are to obey the head *without reasoning* (without reasons that we might give). We cannot place ourselves willingly under the position of rulership unless we confess that Yahshua is King — Sovereign — and if that comes from the heart, that is the initiation into that body. When you willingly place yourself under subjection to His headship, you denounce SELF (Mt 10:33,38) and from then on submit to all authority in the Body (Eph 5:21). Confessing with your mouth that Yahshua is Sovereign places you in the body of Messiah where you can obey because you have a new nature, you are a new creation, you are born again in the kingdom, with the Spirit and grace in you to give you the power to obey.

If you are in that, a miracle has happened in your life. The greatest miracle that the world will see is the unified cooperation between the brothers and sisters that brings about the end of this age — that Satan, whose work is to divide and destroy, cannot worm himself in and divide us and cause factions. Then we will be able to bring in the next age and bring in His rulership, which begins by us saying that Yahshua is King. That is the initiation. We cannot say Yahshua is King except if we have heard the good news and it has cut us to the heart. If we know and understand what the gospel is and are obedient to it, we submit to the King (Lk 14:32). We know we are not powerful enough to defeat that King and so we have to renounce the old king (the one who once ruled us) and confess the coming King. That is the renouncing of your old life and your possessions, submitting them at the apostles' feet, capitulating. You must do that before the King gets here. This is salvation. A person who has done that *can* submit in the Body because he has the Holy Spirit. (If he has not done that, it is impossible for him to continue in the Body because he did not come in by the Holy Spirit.)

From then on we submit to all authority. We, more than anyone, submit to all authority, as long as our conscience allows. Wherever authority is, we recognize that authority. We are a new creation. We are no longer lawless because we know that God has established all authority. We understand the *principle* of authority. Just because there are bad policemen does not take away from the principle of authority. Police still protect citizens from crime, theft, murder, etc. We do not throw away all authority because some is bad. We must still love authority because true authority is of God. If we cannot recognize authority, we cannot recognize God, because God *is* authority. Yahshua has all authority in heaven and on earth. All is in His hands so we should not have fear of authority. Yahshua cannot be King to you if you do not recognize, appreciate, and love authority.

We can submit to the authority we see here in this area in Sus because Rom 13:1 says that no ruling power inside or outside the edah exists except through God. Every

position of authority is under His control and headship. There is bad government (Pr 29:4,14; 25:5; 8:15,16; 14:34; 11:10,11). All existing authority exists and has been established by God (Rom 13:2). He who resists authority resists God himself. Those who resist bring judgment upon themselves.

Dan 4:17 — Because Nebuchadnezzar set himself up as God, God humbled him. He was sent out to eat grass as the animals do.

We have heavenly watchers who watch everything that is going on in and outside of the Edah. There are also other *holy ones* mentioned here who do things and make things happen. Anytime they want to, they can act — as long as we pray. We are the only ones on the earth who prayed for the downfall of Communism. Thus the Berlin wall was broken down and that is why D'rorah (our new sister from East Berlin) is here today.

Our Father humbled King Nebuchadnezzar. He was the most powerful king who ever lived. He ruled absolutely over all the known kingdoms of the earth at that time. The later kings had decreasing values of absolute power, but his power was absolute. [Today there is no absolute power. All rulers are checked by other nations. The whole world today is in concert right now concerning Iraq. We know their unified effort will one day lead to a one world government, but right now our Father is going to use it for our benefit so we can preach the gospel to all nations.]

God is supreme authority over all kings. He sends His angels to kings and they set policy concerning us. Dan 4:25 and 5:21; 2:21; Pr 8:15-16 are to encourage us and allow us to have the confidence to pray for anything we want according to His will. We know He can put a new mayor in Navarrenx whenever He wants — if we pray.

There are ten toes mentioned in Dan 2:42,44; 7:24. These will be ten national kings existing concurrently as God sets up his representative kingdom of twelve tribes (Isa 49:6) before our Master's second coming. This kingdom will be set up when there is

absolute obedience. A kingdom is made up of people who submit to a king, who submit to his absolute authority.

In Dan 7:24-25 the final form of the economic community of the Roman Empire will be given power. This will be the world kingdom which will have absolute power, made up of ten nations. It is going to be the same time as the twelve tribes are raised up and one tribe, in that area, will be representative for all the tribes. Dan 7:14 — Our Father is going to set up a kingdom, establish, institute a kingdom, made up of people who give their *absolute allegiance* to Him, making no provision for the flesh because they are clothed with Him. If we make provision for the flesh, that kingdom will not stand. Our Father raised up Adam; he fell. Our Father raised up Noah; his sons fell. Our Father raised up Abraham and Abraham begat Israel and Israel failed. Our Father raised up the early church and it fell. So, in the days of these kings there has to be a people who give absolute allegiance to the King of Glory who is enthroned in heaven sitting at the right hand of the Father ruling over the house of Jacob through the workings of the Holy Spirit and His angels. They will not fail if they submit to His rule.

He created angels and they fell. There was a rebellion in heaven and one third of the angels fell. Because of the fall of the angels and subsequently the fall of man, the whole world has been affected with perverted government. But we will look for the good in government that we can submit to.

It was God's will that the human and angelic beings He created would accept His authority. Yet both rejected His authority and so God could not establish or set up His authority, His kingdom, in created beings since they were disloyal, untrustworthy and unfaithful. They could not endure because one third of the created angels were prowling around destroying the authority that God set up. Those evil angels have been doing this for 6000 years of history and so man has always turned against God and rejected His authority ... until the days of the ten kings. Then God *will* establish His kingdom. A kingdom is made of *loyal* sons who desire to do the king's will regardless of the cost.

They follow the footsteps of Yahshua their King and spend their lives as He did. He has not withdrawn His authority even though He may have withdrawn His presence for a while. He is going to offer His authority to man until man receives it and uses it wisely according to His purpose. That is why Mal 4:16 says that if we do not do this, the land will be smitten with a curse. If our hearts do not turn to our children's and our children's hearts turn to us, nothing can be accomplished.

Wherever His authority is, there is the place where He will be. His Spirit will dwell where people are obedient. When people are not submitted to authority, He will not prevail with those people (Mal 1:5,14). His name will be great because the loyal and faithful ones will give absolute allegiance to Him and not falter as everyone has done for the last 6000 years. There *were* a few overcomers in the first church, but they were not enough to carry on that lampstand. Wherever He causes His name to dwell that is where He will affirm His authority.

The power of Satan continually violates God's authority and makes people dishonor it and brings disorder. Thus man rebels against God. God sets up authority and Satan does everything to destroy and defile it. God will not permit this to go on forever. He wants order so people might grope for Him. He needs obedient people to put an end to rebellion in their own lives and their own family. We came out of every evil thing in the world. We have every evil thing under the sun in us but somehow our Father saved us; chose us from the beginning of time in order to bring about His kingdom on the earth. The God of heaven *will* set up His kingdom (that is His absolute word). He has called us to do it. And the main thing is that your heart would turn to your children.

Down through the ages there has never been a second generation that was united. They always fell away to idol worship, etc., because they could not overcome the workings of the evil angels who were the first to rebel (at the time when Satan rebelled by wanting to be preeminent in the universe). But God created man with a plan, which was to undo the works of the evil one. Yahshua undid the works of the evil one and we

must follow in His ways to carry that out. He will establish His kingdom with those who obey Him (all of His commandments) to the extent that He would say to them, “I love you, My Father loves you, and we are going to come to you and make Our home with you” (Jn 14:21,23). The Stone Kingdom will be those who love Him to that extent. He will establish His kingdom through our obedience. Never once was our Master disobedient to the Father. Never once did He resist authority. He obeyed perfectly by permitting God’s authority to exist absolutely in His life. 1 Jn 2:6 — We are to walk as He walked, keeping His commandments.

Down through the ages God’s representatives and delegated authority have failed — Lucifer, Adam, Noah, the church. But in the last days, the God of heaven will establish a kingdom. A kingdom is a territory that is subject to a king. John the Baptist told the people in Mt 3:1-2 and Mk 1:14 to repent for the *kingdom of heaven* is at hand, the *reign of Messiah*. The reign of Messiah is over those who are submitted to it. The greatest of God’s demands on man is not for him to bear the cross or to serve Him or to do the deeds prepared for him, make offerings, deny himself, but it is for us to *obey Him*.

We see in 1 Sam 15 that God ordered Saul to attack the Amalekites and destroy them utterly. The Amelekites represent the flesh — the evil, corrupt flesh. But after his victory over them, Saul spared Agag, the king, along with the best of the herds and flocks for an offering to God. But God had told him to destroy them *UTTERLY* and completely so that they could never be raised up again to come against His people. If you do not destroy it, it will destroy you later on. And so in verse 28, the reign was severed from Saul for being disobedient and was given to a better man. Saul would not devote himself to destroying everything God had commanded him to. He argued that these things were spared to sacrifice to God. He told Samuel this, but Samuel said that obedience is better than sacrifice and that to give attention to God is better than the fat of rams. Obedience is greater even than that sweet aroma of true sacrifice.

Who would detect that rebellion except a prophet? Because even in sacrifice there can be an element of self-will. But *obedience* is absolutely honoring to God. There is nothing more honoring than obedience. Because it is according to your will that you obey. So God found David because he was willing to do *all* of His will.

Our Father is going to find a people who are willing to obey Him. In order for authority to be expressed, there must be subjection and the flesh must be absolutely dealt with (making no provisions for it, being clothed with Messiah). If we have self-life, subjection is not possible. The thing that we learn in 1 Sam 15 is that if we start reasoning like Saul did and do not obey absolutely, then it is just like the sin of witchcraft (1 Sam 15:23). It is the same as witchcraft. Our Father is going to have a people who will not reason and children who will not reason.

**N'su** — I know that Yahshua is Sovereign King. He rules the universe. I know that in my heart is rebellion, the same sin as Saul, my own mind, what I think is right not what the anointing is. I know that is evil. I don't want that in my heart ... It leaves a road, a highway in my heart for speculation. I see that sin in my heart and I don't want it ... I want to receive the reasoning and understanding of Yahshua, not Satan. I know He has favor on me to let me dwell in His courts to receive from His people and I really need help because that is my withered condition.

**Jehu** — I saw more clearly tonight why our Father needs man. He needs man to populate the universe. Just like man needs woman to have a child, our Father needs mankind to submit to Him. It became clear to me how everything comes against authority. In Israel there were continually people rebelling against authority. Our Father wants us to totally give ourselves to His good authority.

**Meshullam** — Our Father needs people who would submit. He created man with a free will. Adam used his free will to submit to Satan. There are only two kings: either you submit to Yahshua or you submit to Satan. We also have a free will and our Father needs us that we would use our will to submit to His will. I have no doubt that Yahshua destroyed the work of the devil but I want to see it. Yahshua is perfect authority — the best authority. We can use our will to submit to this authority and show mankind that His authority is good. It makes me thankful that the world can see that our



Master won the victory. All the world could see before was words, but now it is reality.

**ha-êmeq** — That’s why Yoneq said it was a miracle that we could be born again, that we can remain with one another. People come here and ask, “How are you organized?” They know you cannot function together without government. So they look for some cult leader who is doing everything. But the Body of Messiah does not function like that. We are a people who gave up our own independence and submit to one another because we love Him (Eph 5:21), because this is the best government. Authority is in every area. Like in a factory, the way people talk about their boss, despising authority; or the way they talk about *cops*. We have that in ourselves, too. But every time one bad word is said about authority, God notices it because it is going against him. We have a submissive attitude to all government even if they are bad people.

I was thinking about Shimone the zealot. He was so against the authority of that day and all the rebellious attitudes he had needed to be dealt with by the loving authority of His Master. Yahshua was careful not to speak anything against authority, even though Shimone the zealot probably wanted Him to. But Yahshua respected the government. He told His disciples to pay the taxes because He respected authority. His enemies wanted to find grounds to accuse our Master by saying that He was plotting a revolt against the government. But when they listened to His words they could find no hint of rebellion. So they said that anyone who calls himself a king is against the emperor, so kill Him. But Yahshua said “My kingdom is not of this world.” He was not against the earthly government — He had something better! We have to have all that rebellion in us dealt with even to policemen and the boss in the factory. We are not rebellious. We love authority.

**Baruchah** — When I was kidnapped, I was told over and over that I had to think for myself. But *that* is against all authority. Our Master said that He didn’t say or do anything that His Father doesn’t tell him to say or do. We do not do anything on our own initiative but from the initiative of our Father and His government. That statement was coming against His authority. When I think for myself, it is the flesh and leads to death. I’m thankful I am under the authority of Yahshua and His good government. I’m thankful that I can be covered.

**N’su** — Our king has subjects in His kingdom. I’m thankful we can be subject to each other because each one is subjected to the other all the way

through. We are in a true kingdom of good authority and good rule — that we can be in His rule and reign and His order.

**Havah** — It is so evident to me that it is only when we subject ourselves to the authority that we can then see our Father's handiwork. I've seen our Father has saved us from our own reasoning and finding our own way out — He has put us in a place that forced us to submit to an authority and then He brought about an even greater thing. With the raid, and with Isaac and Michael, at one point everything was so unfair and we considered not going back to court. But we went and it was that next court that made a new law for the whole land concerning child protection and corporal punishment. I saw too that when Yoneq said we should not miss the opportunity to check our children through a particular stage, otherwise they will always have those characteristics. It made me see how so many people see everything that is wrong and have a recipe to a solution but are powerless to affect those changes. Those tendencies, faults, sins are too strong. We are the only people who are going to be able to do that because we have given up our fallen lives.

**Yerushah** — I rebelled against my parents. They did not discipline me when I was younger. If we do not deal with rebellion in our children they are going to leave the will of our Father. All the things we do are not so important. The offerings we bring are not going to do it, but it is obedience.

**Meshullam** — Our Father wants us to have confidence. If we pray in Yahshua's name against evil government, He will bring it down. The Berlin wall is the best example. No one would have ever thought that it would come down. There are still places that are not free, but our Father wants us to pray. There are one billion people in China, 240 million in Russia who wait, in Romania and Yugoslavia too, to hear the good news. But our Father showed us through Nebuchadnezzar that He will do it. That is why He says pray and have confidence because He will change it. He wants us to be so concerned that we will pray and then He will do it. Not so they can have Coca-Cola (but it's good if they have it because then their hearts can be judged if they have it), but so that they can grope for God. He pushed down the Berlin wall and He will push down other thrones because they do not go according to His will.

**Jonathan Elezar** — Nebuchadnezzar had the greatest kingdom ever on the earth and our Father never humbled a king as much as this one. He made him eat the grass of the field. This gives us confidence that our Father will do it. It is recorded for us.

## Authority, Part 4

*As the entire Body here in Sus gathered into the entrance hall at Tabitha's place, Yoneq continued teaching, amidst translations in German, Spanish, and French, about the training of our children, conflict, authority, and reasoning.*

Every child born has a will of his own and strong desires. He comes up against the authority of his parents when it goes against what he wants. He is driven by his fallen inherent, natural, innate, inborn human nature to sin. Sin is defined in Jms 4:17 as knowing the right thing to do but not doing it. Yet even though he many not know the right thing to do yet, he is doing the wrong thing. And when he is taught the right thing to do, he rebels against it. (But not until a child reaches an age of maturity does he become accountable to God because he knows that he is sinning, and so then he is responsible and can be recompensed for his sin.) Children are driven by their natural, innate nature to do what is wrong. That is why our Father loves us so much, because we go against that tendency by the help of the Holy Spirit. Parents give children the help to go against that tendency, and later, when they are saved, they have the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them.

### Conflict

To bring their children under control and to maintain that control, parents need to be aware that there will be conflict. Conflict is the violent collision of two wills in which one must rule over the other. Where two wills exist, they butt heads like two goats. If there is a violent collision of two wills, one must rule over the other or else there will be chaos and disorder of all kinds. That is why there is government in the nations, so people will not just do what they will, but they will submit their wills to a higher authority. If they resist that authority they oppose God and will repay with everlasting destruction, i.e. the lake of fire.

In the parent-child relationship, just as in other relationships where there is a conflict of wills, one must rule over the other. This conflict will exist throughout most of the child's life. The child stage will last to approximately 12 years of age, but there should be no pressure on him to be baptized. (You are only baptized when you hear the knocking of the Savior at your door and you know he can save you from the recompense of your own actions.) There should not be so much conflict after 12 because the child has been brought under control. His will has submitted to his parents' will. Now he can willingly submit to his father's will. In the same way, the law was a tutor to teach us how to submit to our Master. The law subjugated you, but we obey our Master out of love for Him. When you please Him, your conscience rewards you and grace upon grace comes upon you for greater and greater obedience.

Most normal people do not enjoy conflict, so you as parents must overcome this *natural tendency to avoid conflict*. You have to overcome for your child's sake and for our Master's sake. This self-control, the fruit of the Spirit's control in your life, can be accomplished only when you establish that the objective (goal) of training your children is more important than avoiding undesirable conflict. This is self-control with a motive — for your child's sake. If the Holy Spirit is controlling you, you will be obedient to Him and will not avoid conflict. The objective goal of training your child is more important than avoiding conflict. Facing conflict is simply a part of the cost you must pay in reaching your child and in reaching the goal of your instruction (Pr 22:15; 23:13; 29:15). The goal of your training is that this child will be under your control and willingly giving himself to your will.

Our Master was human so He had a human will, which He subjected to His Father's will. He willingly gave Himself to His Father's will. His human will had to be in subjection to the Divine will. If at any time His human will was not in subjection, He would have forfeited His right to be the Savior, compromising His righteousness. He never, ever, went against His Father's will. The human will and divine will became one.

The goal of our instruction will lead us to have the same will as our Master's will (which is to have the same will as our Father's will, and so all of our wills and our minds will be one, Acts 4:32). Right before the cross, our Master said, "not My [human] will be done, but Your [divine] will be done." It had to be the Father's will; otherwise all of humankind would be lost in their sins with no hope.

Our children's will has to be submitted to our will so that when they reach adulthood they will not depart from that will which they have been trained up in. This is the essence of child training and the *parents* are responsible for doing this and *accountable* if they are not doing this. Gen 18:19 — Abraham was chosen with this responsibility and his seed, every person chosen in Messiah, has the same responsibility in order that our Father's will is done because essentially, it will be done through child training. If we do everything else right but do not do this, we will not be His people, the ones who will bring about what our Father promised Abraham, until a people keep the way of our Master.

The child must be trained in the ultimate way he should go so that the goal can be attained and reached. To reach the goal, the child's heart has to be reached by the parent. So whenever there is more than one will, whenever more than one will is involved in any undertaking, there is going to be conflict. That is why it will be such a witness to the whole world that we can work together in the *one will* of our Master. We do His will which we are all submitted to of our own volition, not forced by Him, but because we love Him. For this reason, a wife submits to her head, her king. *She* submits. Kissing is an act of submission. That is why it says to greet one another with a holy kiss, because we are to submit to one another out of fear of Messiah (Eph 5:21). There is no marriage apart from submission, but a wife does it willingly because she loves her husband. We do it willingly because we love our Master. Anyone who does not love our Master Yahshua with an undying love will be accursed (Eph 6:23-24; 1 Cor 16:22) because he will not be able to obey Him and submit to His will. The Ephesians lost their

first love and they could no longer submit to Him and obey Him absolutely, so they were cut off and the lampstand was removed. There is no marriage apart from submission.

A child, especially in early childhood, will not willingly submit. So you have to *make* the child submit. You have to break his will so he can willingly submit. When our children reach youth, they willingly submit to the will of their parents because they know they have been loved. Parents must realize that neither in the Body of Messiah nor in the world does the physical ability to have children automatically qualify them for the task of properly training their children. We have seen many examples in the past (in the world and in the Edah) that tell us that just because you can propagate children does not give you the skill and the heart to raise those children. On the other hand, the parents of the children who are procreated have a mind about training them already and are more apt to rule over their children. Parents who said, "Oh, no!" every time they found out they were pregnant also found that they had no desire to train that child. But for the child who was wanted, the parents had the desire to train him up because they knew where the child came from.

Where can parents obtain training for the proper training of their children??

As a parent you have only one chance with your child. You spend your whole life raising children and all the effort can be painfully wasted unless there is a positive result. So you must know how to handle or manage your children. This knowledge should be innate, inborn, instinctive. At least the desire should be there, but parents need training. The only place a parent can receive training is in the Edah. You must know how to handle that one chance to train your child for an eternal benefit. Paul says that parents (especially the elders) must know how to handle their children. It would be an immeasurable loss if you fail to train them properly. There is no way to determine how terrible and awful it would be. *It is a matter of life or death.*

You are the father, the source. You give the spirit and life to the child. The mother is the *matter*, the flesh. The mother is what makes the child. The child, who is completely

dependent on you for support, protection, and guidance, *needs your heart*. That is why the father's heart must turn to the child. Being a parent is the most difficult, bewildering, perplexing, confusing, disorderly, seemingly lost-in-the-mazes, challenge you will ever face in your life. If you will be able to raise your children up you will be able to rule the universe and you will be able to rule the nations with a rod of iron in the next age. It is the most awesome task to be a parent and you have only one chance to do it, only one life to live to be fit or qualified for the kingdom of God. He has already qualified us for the Eighth Day by His death, but for the Seventh Day, it comes by continual obedience to His authority. So the first thing you have to do is set your hand to the plow. If you look back when you get to one of those stages your child goes through, you are not going to prune him properly and then his youth is going to be perplexing because of the problems he will give you. You have to deal with your child *during* the terrible twos, the turbulent threes, the frustrated fours, etc.

Being a parent is a difficult challenge because there are so many conflicting theories about child training. Psychologists write books on how to raise children and every book is different. But Acts 4:32 says there is only one heart and one mind in the Edah. There cannot be two minds about anything. If there is one mind there is *one mind* (1 Cor 1:10). Throughout the epistles the Edahs were exhorted to have one mind, with no differences of opinion because this would cause strife and dissensions which are the works of the flesh spoken of in Gal 5:19. If we're divided, it's because we are in the flesh. It's that simple. Those who are led by the Spirit are sons of God, and the sons of God are called *peacemakers*. They make amends, bring restoration.

All of the experts disagree with one another. Everyone has his own opinion on how children should be raised. Psychologists say that parents should treat their children as equals and should reason things out. (*We cannot reason with them, not until they have been brought under your control, because you cannot reason with a child.* Parents

who start to reason with their children too young will spoil [ruin] their children. A child must be told what to do; a youth must be *taught* why to do it.)

Society has come so far in this that they have come to the concept of “children’s rights.” They say children have rights, that in other words, they should be treated as equals in society, in schools, and even with parents in the families. Also there are people who have created theories that using the rod to discipline is called child abuse. This causes some parents to be afraid and to question the use of discipline. This is happening all over the world. This is why the antichrist will be able to come in, because all of the restraint of lawlessness is being removed. This began twenty or so years ago when people stopped disciplining their children. It is why the lawless one is here. The Word says that in the last days lawlessness will be increased. The restraint is lifted, that angel, the restraining power, has stepped out of the way. Children have equal power with their parents. Their parents let them do as they please. *We* cannot let this fear of disciplining into the Edah.

Some people have a confused view of love and equate love with being permissive. But this theory has produced what you see and hear about today in children all over the world — the uncontrolled youth years. Because they were never controlled as children, they are uncontrolled in their youth. That is why you see millions of teenagers getting abortions today. All over the earth, abortions, teenage pregnancies, and suicide are epidemic. Youths do not feel loved because they are missing their parents’ authority. They are looking for authority they can idolize. The movement and the 1960s started because parents’ authority was waning. Children had TVs in their rooms, their parents let them come and go as they pleased and stay out all night if they wanted to. The experts can only agree that there is no set pattern for training children — just do what is right in your own eyes. In other words, they say there is no right way for parents to parent (train up) their children (to maintain, educate, to cause). But if they do not do this they are not real parents and their children are illegitimate according to Heb 12.



God has established the institution of the parent as one of His ruling authorities on the earth. To this position it has been delegated both the right to rule the children and all the power and grace to succeed in child training according to God's plan for that child. God has delegated this *position* of being a parent and in addition to this right, the power to do it *and* succeed if it is by the word of God.

This position of parent is the direct agency through which children are to receive ruling during their childhood and youth. They are the ones who direct the life of the child. The parent is the agency. The agency is the way something is done. If there is no agent, there is no carrying out of any plan. There have to be agents in the Body to carry out what we are commanded. The parents are the agency by which children are to receive training during their childhood. It is through this agency that your child is to receive protection, direction, and instruction. Whoever God places in the position of being a parent is accountable to God as to how he or she rules.

Many things in this teaching are overemphasized and repeated so that they will go into us, because it is essential for us and our Father's purpose. The *most essential thing* you can learn is *obedience*, especially if you have children. If what it says in Mal 4:6 is not happening, you are lost, still in your sin, mere Christians without the Holy Spirit. You may be good people but you are not real because unless this manifestation happens, everything else is wrong. Also, if Dan 2:44 is not happening, we are impostors because the manifestation of the Body of Messiah and raising up of the twelve tribes of Israel must happen at a designated time in history. If we are not a part of that because the Male Child is aborted or miscarries (because Mal 4:6 did not happen), then who are we, if we did not have the obedience to carry it out? If Rev 7:5 and 12:5 do not happen, then who are we anyway? In order to serve God we are not called to choose self-denial or sacrifice, but to fulfill God's purpose. The purpose for denying self is to make possible the carrying out of His will. Our Master's death is the highest expression of obedience to authority. If we think we have to deny ourselves and sacrifice today it is not going to be

enough unless we know the purpose of our calling and that total obedience is love (Jn 14:21-23; 1 Jn 2:5).

### 1 Samuel 15

If there is a *principle of rebellion* in what we do (like Saul in 1 Sam 15:23; what he did looked good and everyone said, “Wow, that was wonderful; he spared the best for God!”), then that is the same sin as divination. Reasoning is the same sin as witchcraft. And we know it says that no person who practices these things will enter the kingdom of God because they were not fully obedient to the will of God (1 Jn 2:17). That is why you have to pray and cry out that you will not die prematurely until you come to obedience willfully in your heart.

Rebellion is withholding your obedience by reasoning. The evil one will obtain glory through our sacrifices that we make in the Body if there is a principle of rebellion in it. He will obtain and enjoy glory because when we are not obeying Messiah, we are obeying Satan who is the prince of rebellion. Christianity operates under this principle of rebellion; they have reasoned away every hard saying in the Bible, which is why they are filled with every unclean spirit. Everything they do brings glory to Satan, even going to church and witnessing, because there is a principle of rebellion in it — they know the Word and do not obey it. If we do that, he will cut us off like Saul (verse 28) and he will look for a better man. God did not accept Saul’s sacrifice because there was a Satanic element in it. Mal 3:3 says we must be refined by fire and soap in order to make sacrifices acceptable to God. The goal is that what we do would be acceptable. We cannot worship fully because we are held back, but when there is no principle of rebellion in us we will worship like the angels. *[If you are not doing this, don’t be discouraged. You are on the way. We are entrapped in so many ways but we are going somewhere, if our hearts are right. If we are willing, our Father will do the rest; His grace will come upon us.]*

Saul had a principle of rebellion in him to not obey the prophet's word — he reasoned. It was a Satanic principle. Rebellion is subtle reasoning; it looks good; it's reasonable (it *seems* right... death). But you see in verse 23 that it is something awful. And many times that is the way *we* obey. Jonathan knew what Saul did was evil and he wanted to give his allegiance to David even though he knew he could have been king, because he saw that Satanic principle working in his father.

We must meet authority in our lives, be introduced to it, confronted with authority. Before we can work and do things for God, first we must know His authority. We have to be broken and contrite. Our entire relationship with God is regulated by how much we have known his authority.

If we do not know His authority, we will be lawless; we will be doing good things but it will be lawlessness (like Saul) because there is a Satanic principle in it (Mt 7:21-22). The last verse in Judges says there was no authority in the land and everyone did what was right in his own eyes. They could not obey God as God. We'll only get things from the Word if we read it expecting to be commanded by the Spirit. Those who obey understand; those who don't obey don't understand.

The flesh loves to find fault with authority in order to throw off restraint. Israel threw off restraint; Châm threw off restraint. When he saw his father's improper conduct he did not want to cover his father's fault. It proves he had a rebellious spirit. He looked for fault. The flesh looks for a mistake, thinking that maybe if it is not the true authority of God, then I can do what I want to. So Châm went out and broadcast it to his brothers. He pointed out his father's fault, and so he reviled authority. Anyone who reviles authority is going to suffer death.

Shem and Yapheth had the proper respect for authority. The failure of Noah became the test for the new world (Shem, Châm and Yapheth). It revealed who was obedient and who was rebelling. Noah's failure unveiled and exposed Châm's rebellion. After Noah awoke from the wine, he prophesied that the descendants of Châm were to

be cursed and there was a sentence pronounced upon Canaan that he would be a slave of slaves.

We see that the one who is not subject to authority will be slave to those who love and respect and are subject to authority. Those who are subject can be used by God, and those who are not will be used by those who are. If we do not know authority we will be put under authority. If we are diligent we will rule. If we are not, we will be put to hard labor — slavery.

Pr 3:5-6 talks about not leaning on your own reasoning, not depending on your own understanding. We have to put out the eyes of our own reasoning. This principle will separate God's people from Satan's people who will try to lead away a following of their own people sooner or later. The eyes of our reason — our own reason — must be put out in order to follow our Master. We can receive either reason or authority. If we live by faith we do not live by sight (reasoning what you see or understand with your own reason). As rational human beings, how can we refrain from reasoning as Saul did? It seems impossible because we reasoned from childhood to adulthood. Our parents taught us to reason by asking what we wanted instead of commanding us so we could learn how to obey authority. Until now, we have learned to reason and the basic principle in our life is reasoning. How can we cease from reasoning? How can we deal with reasoning in our lives and with our children?

To cease from reasoning we must give up our *flesh*. There are two classes of disciples: those who live on the level of reasoning and those who live on the level of authority. It is only in the flesh that we would reason and do what *we think* will please Him instead of what the Word says that we should do or not do.

Without knowing these things, the end cannot come, the Stone will not be built up, our Father's purpose will not come about and no one could be saved.

Read Romans 9 if you want to put an end to your reasoning. It will bewilder your reasoning.

## Authority, Part 5

Tonight we began by reading from Col 3:20 which is recorded in the New Covenant which was written to the house of Jacob, over which rules a King — our Master Yahshua. He has been given the name of the Father (Jn 17:11). This is authority. Whoever belongs to Him will be kept in oneness and will have the same mind of how we interpret the New Covenant. Col 3:20 is actually backed up by the King of Israel who is the incarnate Word, the very Son of God who became flesh and dwelt among us, who is now enthroned at the right hand of God in heaven (Lk 1:31-33). After He rose from the dead, He was coronated at the right hand of God and sits on the throne of David and rules over the house of Jacob. We are that house of Jacob and will remain that house if we are faithful (Heb 3:6). The first edah was not faithful. Messiah was faithful as a son over God's house and we will be also if we hold on to the faith and hope that we have. This is what the New Covenant word is to us (Heb 1:3; 8:1; Eph 1:20-21). Jer 31:31 speaks about the New Covenant several hundred years before it was inaugurated on the night our Master was crucified. The restoration of the New Covenant has begun. Lk 22:20 is the fulfillment of Jer 31:31.

The word *obey* in Col 3:20 is translated from the Greek language as a command. It means to hear and obey — *shamah*. This *obey* means to be subject to parents in all things, for this is pleasing to the Lord. The word *subject* is the word for obey that relates to the parent-child relationship. The children are subjected to their parents' rulership. It does not ask the child to be submissive because they do not have the ability to be submissive. Only we have the ability to be submissive — of our own free will, but children are subjected. Their parents bring them under their control by force and they learn to willingly submit to their parents of their own free will by the time they are youths. Until then, children's will is just self-will if left to their own.

Col 3:20 is talking to older children, giving them the concept of pleasing the King. To *subject* means to bring under the power or dominion of. Without this command or institution by God, with parents being placed in this position over their child, children would only do what was right in their own eyes (Jdg 21:25 — as Israel did without authority over them), thus they would always be doing wrong.

Col 3:20 is our constitutional law. It sets a law for the children and a constitutional right for the parents. “Children obey your parents.” Children are not to be left to themselves to grow up as they will, but they are to do as they are told according to the parents’ will, thus a parent’s word is law for the children. Your word is law. You can create law. If your child is disobedient to the word you told him, he has broken the law you set for him. The rod is the only means by which you can enforce your law. There is only one way to expiate the guilt of breaking the parents’ law from that child in order to give him a good conscience, and that is the rod. If the rod is not used, the guilt piles up. It is wonderful that we can keep our children’s consciences pure and clean.

The command in Col 3:20 is addressed to children, but parents are the ones who are in charge and are accountable to God for its fulfillment. Just the same as Heb 13:17 tells people of the edah to obey their leaders, but it is the leaders who are accountable for your souls. As long as the children are under the parent’s control, the parents are accountable. God always holds the ones in authority responsible for the actions of those under their rulership. The parents are accountable to God for the obedience of their children, elders are responsible for the sheep in their flock, and governments are responsible to carry out laws given to the nations.

In the Ten Commandments, “You shall not murder” is a command given to the people, but it is the responsibility of the government to carry it out and see to it that if a person did truly murder, then that person’s life is taken away from him. Good government sees to it that whoever sheds blood, his blood shall be shed (Gen 9:6). This

is a commandment to the nations. Those who do not uphold and advocate this commandment are not worthy of the nations.

Gen 9:6 says “*by man* his blood shall be shed.” Human government over man is established *right there*. If anyone violates that (a judge, jury, whoever) when it is proven that a person committed premeditated murder and he does not judge that person to be executed, he will be excluded from the nations. In Ex 20 the commandment not to murder is to the people, but God gives responsibility to the government to carry it out. However some people in government are against the death penalty, as a result of their reasoning. They think that because innocent people might sometimes be executed, no one should be. But our Father takes care of the innocent. The electric chair is a deterrent from murder. Liberal form of government does away with the death penalty; conservative form of government maintains it. In this sense, conservative is better. Whoever votes for liberal candidates who are against the death penalty will go to the second death for that alone, because it reveals their philosophy of life, that they have reasoned away God. Such people are under the sway of the Satanic force that is bringing forth lawlessness. Liberal government is not as responsible a form of government as conservative is, even though there is not much difference between the two.

God gives the government the authority and responsibility to execute the death penalty. If *we* do not believe this, how can we be worthy of the Holy City when those in the nations who do not advocate the death penalty are not worthy of the nations? We must have a mind superior to the nations.

God has given responsibility to parents to see to it that children obey them. Liberal parents do not believe in corporal punishment. Conservative parents do believe in corporal punishment. This shows that they are working with the holy angels in restraining lawlessness. But liberal parents are working with Satan’s angels bringing in lawlessness and ultimately the antichrist.

God gives parents the right to enforce his child's compliance to obey him in all things. The area within the boundaries and limits of parental authority is more extensive than any other institution. Parental authority goes beyond any other institution on earth because the parent's right to rule includes the power to force obedience in *all things*. The government however does not have the right to force obedience, but only to punish disobedience. The government cannot make you do anything. They cannot force you to work. [And if you will not work they can only support your being a lazy glutton by giving you money from welfare, etc. Through taxation, the government gives you housing, food, shoes, etc., etc., until they have more and more control of your lives, making way for the antichrist to one day come in and take over. One kind of government (liberal) promotes this; the other (conservative) does not.]

No other institution is given as much power as the parent. The subjects of all other institutions are to *submit* to authorities, but a *child* is commanded to obey, to be *subject* to his parents' rulership. Government does not have the right to spank people if they are rebellious, but only to punish them if they break laws. The basic difference between the Greek words *submission* and *subjection* is that *submission* appeals to the attitude of *voluntary* acceptance of authority and *subjection* is compliance whether one wants to or not (you have to obey *regardless of personal willingness*). Children are under involuntary servitude of their parents until they are youths when they mature and become fruitful adults in the Body. Children are helpless in themselves to submit, for they do not know how to submit since they are not equal to their parents; they do not have mature wills, which are developed by the rod. Children are by nature rebellious. Parents not only have the right to rule in all things, they also have the power to force their child's unwilling compliance to their commands. This is approved by the New Covenant. If you are persecuted for obeying the New Covenant, you are righteously persecuted and great is your reward in heaven. Government does not have the right to



keep you from obeying the New Covenant. But we are coming into an age of lawlessness, so governments will try to do this.

Parents are delegated authority. *Delegated* — sent with a trust or commission to act for another person; sent with power to transact business for another. Messiah delegated His authority to make disciples and establish the church (Mt 28:18). Parental authority is delegated to parents. They are delegated the right to rule their children. No other institution, not state, social agency, etc., has rulership over children (even other people in the edah) except for the parents. Only the parents and whoever the parents give that right to have that right to ultimate rulership. It is only if the parents give that right that another person can have it.

Parental authority delegates to parents the right to rule the children under their control. No one has rulership rights over the children of parents — not social agencies, school personnel, or nosy individuals. None of these have any authority over children because that right is the parent's only (and whoever the parent delegates that right to by their consent).

Years ago they would spank children in school for rebellion and disrespect to the point that they learned to respect authority. Parents gave them the right to do it. But 20 years ago, after discipline was taken out, all hell and chaos broke out in schools. Disobedience of every kind came in when they took discipline away.

Parents have the authority to say whether or not someone else can discipline, even in the edah, because the family is an institution. No one has any authority over the child except the parents, whose authority is delegated by God over their own children. The same is true in the nations also. The parents' power over their children is accountable to government in the nations (good government) only through God's law concerning incest, injury, or murder. If parents are brutally injuring their children, breaking, burning, wounding them, then the government has the right to come in and correct the situation. Parents are directly responsible to God for any misuse or abuse of

their authority. We know that the “stripes that wound” spoken of in Pr 20:30 is not considered *injury* by the merciful loving God because it is under the control of a loving parent who is loving the child and obeying the word of God. *These* stripes are the only way the heart can be reached. *Injury* is to impair soundness of health; to wound. But stripes or marks from loving discipline shows love by the parent. The child has no rights except the God-given right to be raised by parents without the intervention or interference of any other institution.

The family is an independent institution as high as the state. When the government begins to misuse its authority, it goes beyond its boundaries and undermines parental authority, wanting to make the child responsible to the state rather than the parents. Today they are taking children away from parents and saying that the child belongs to the state.

The socialist education system has no checks and balances to what they teach children. They take away their human dignity by lowering them to the level of animals, teaching them that they were not created, but instead evolved from animals. Anyone who teaches this does not acknowledge that a person is made in the image of God (Gen 9:6), which is the very reason why people should not murder men, because man is made in the image of God. If children do not know this, they are liable to do anything they want to other humans. No one who teaches this is worthy of the nations, for they are teaching children that they can do anything against man and God. Some governments that overstep their authority take children away from parents. For instance, ancient Sparta made warriors out of them; also in socialist nations, in Hitler’s Germany, and communist Russia, the government usurped the parents’ role.

The evils of the socialist school system undermines parental authority. As it is today in the United States, *parental authority is being undermined by socialist compulsory public education* and child protection agencies. Child advocacy agencies are promoting child abuse laws, undermining parental authority. Parents must not allow government to

usurp their authority in any area when God holds parents alone accountable. We cannot allow these governmental agencies to have any inroads to tell us what we can or cannot do with our children when *God has given authority to the parent*.

For example, parents have the explicit instruction in the Bible to train and teach their children in accordance with the word of God. The institution of government has no such instruction. Therefore they have no authority above the parents to teach or train children. No instruction can be found in the Bible that grants authority to government over children in any area except that good government should praise parents for doing good (1 Pet 2:15).

God honors the value of parental authority so highly that He instituted laws for government to protect the parents' rights and authority from *internal revolution* by the child himself. Rather than the government being the agency to do the job of the parent, it is the job of the government agency to support the parents in controlling their child. It used to be this way, but lawlessness has crept in. But government should protect *parents'* rights and ensure that parents are not prevented from doing their job.

Children are not to be allowed to revolt against their parents. The commandment in Ex 20:12 and 21:15,17 in the law of the nations of Israel, which our Master brought into the gospel in Mt 15:34 (except that enforcement is different, i.e., instead of stoning, we send them outside the edah) — *anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death*. Even if he speaks an evil word against them or wishes evil on them, that is a curse and he forfeits his right to live on the earth. (In the edah, he forfeits his right to live in the edah.) To *curse* means to speak evil against; even if no one heard you, God heard.

Lev 20:9 — Notice that the father and mother are equal in requiring respect from their children. The blood of the child who curses his father or mother shall be on his own head, which today means that he cannot be saved; he dies with his guilt and goes to the lake of fire. In Old Israel he would be stoned and rocks would make blood come to his head to show that his blood is on his own head. To *curse* means to even just utter a wish

of evil: “I wish something would happen to them. I wish they would get sick. I hate them.” That is a curse.

Ex 21:15 — Anyone who hits his father or mother shall be put to death. He will be spiritually dead; he will not be saved except by a tremendous act of mercy on our Father’s part.

Cursed even is he who dishonors his father and mother (Dt 27:16). *Dishonor* means that he does not highly prize them; they are not a precious possession to him. He takes honor away from them, does not esteem them (Pr 4:8). If we do not honor our parents, we will die. If we dishonor them we will be put to death. If the Body says *AMEN* to that, it means we consent to that sentence (Ps 91:14-15; Pr 30:17).

Three things are revealed to us here, three important principles: 1) Both father and mother are equal in this respect; they have an equal role in the child training as parents over their children; 2) God will not tolerate the slightest disrespect of parental authority by children; parents are God’s agents for disciplining and punishing those who do wrong (Rom 13:1); they are responsible to uphold his authority; children are to respect their parents; and, 3) The death penalty was to be executed. Children were to be executed, destroyed. Those who made a practice of overt disrespect, a type of disrespect that was judged as leading to death, were to be killed by stoning. Such a child was to be executed, but the parents themselves were not given the right to take their own child’s life. [You do not have the right to send your child away from the edah; it has to be judged.] Judgment had to come from the elders of old Israel first. Only the institution of the government of Israel had the power to execute the child — stone him — set him outside the church so he would die outside and go to the lake of fire. The parents, however, did have the right to testify against the child, and in some cases, the one who brought the complaint had the right to cast the first stone (Dt 21:18-21).

It is a very serious matter about children being full of respect. If respect does not run out of your mouth then you are not respect-full. Respect that is running out of your

mouth comes out in good words to your parents, husband, our Master, etc. If you are not honoring, you are disrespectful. Whoever dishonors is not full of respect. If you are full of respect, it means that you are filled up with honor, praise, and respect, and it overflows out of your mouth. So all children who dishonored and were disrespectful to their parents in the edah are dead inside already. You cannot get any life out of them; they feel dead. But if they repent and start honoring their parents they will be full of life and have a long life.

These laws were given to the nation of Israel, but the principle still applies to us. God will not tolerate disrespect. God will not tolerate children who are not full of respect. He will not tolerate disobedient children. They must be ex-membered from their parents. They are members of their parents, but just as, if my arm was dead and started to rot, it would have to be cut off, your children will have to be cut off from you. If children must be ex-membered from the community and sent away outside the Body, predetermined by the consent of the parents and the elders, that is drastic.

As drastic as it may seem that God would institute the death penalty for a child, it was for the protection and benefit of the whole nation. One reason that Israel fell away is because they stopped executing judgment, drawing the sword, drawing blood. This was for the protection and benefit of the nation. It is for the protection and benefit of the Edah itself. If a child is raised to adulthood and is not trained to be respectful and he is disrespectful and disobedient to his parents and training instructors, he is likely to not respect or obey anyone, even God. Knowing this law, parents would fear — all Israel would fear. Few would fail to train their children to be respectful, knowing that if they failed, they would have to testify against their child for the death penalty (Dt 21:18-21).

*Ecc'cus 30:1-13 — If you do not train your child up right, you will rue his insolence; you will grieve over his haughty contempt, his rebellion.*

So the parents will have to testify against their child for the death penalty — *that* is ruining their insolence. The child, knowing this, would at least outwardly conform to

save the rest from the evil influence that he would have. If a child who is a rebel was not executed because of slack government or lack of parental authority, God's word *promises* direct judgment to the child. Likewise, if we do something that is a sin unto death which requires the death penalty and nothing is done about it in the Body because no one knows about it, God saw it and He will put you to death spiritually and then physically (1 Sam 3:13-14; 4:10-18; Pr 30:11-17). *Curse* even means "does not bless." If you do not bless your parents, you curse them.

From the time when the first church fell away until now, you can see the curse that is in Christianity today. They revile their parents, speaking against their parents. Many are under that curse. Wars, violent deaths, drug abuse are the direct result of untrained children.

Cursing is the result of parenting a rebellious child. On the other side, blessing is the result of parenting one who honors his parents. God has promised the blessing of peace and prosperity; He has promised long life to the child with no sick-bed affliction, no violent deaths, no premature deaths due to disease, famine, wild beast or war; the promise that death would come just at the right time to the godly; they will see prosperity and will live long enough on the land to see their children rise up and bless them. When the truth is observed the result is blessing. When it is not, the result is cursing. The child who honors his father and mother will be protected throughout his adult life by God's promises and that will produce the Male Child.

Pr 3:1-12 — Parents who truly love their child will turn their heart to them regardless of the cost, seeing to it that the child honors them. Parents who misuse their authority, not using it to raise their children, will be cursed. Whenever children receive mistreatment, bad fruit will come out on the child and judgment will fall on the one responsible. God is in control and has chosen to give your child to you. He has a plan for every life. If the parent fails, how great the cost is, how sorrowful the hurt. Though we as parents are weak and have faults, we must be loyal and true to the responsibility we

have been given. Do not let your faulty nature keep you from fulfilling your responsibility. If you are doing your best by the grace he provides, then you are doing the best you can do because it is by his grace. God knows you. He knew you were imperfect when he gave you your children. If you know this fact you will be dependent upon Him. No matter what you feel about yourself, do not avoid your responsibility.

[If there is anything that you particularly heard tonight, do not avoid your responsibility of speaking. Our Master said that what is whispered in your ear, shout it from the rooftop. Shout it from where you have your meetings, otherwise you will surely die (Jn 8:51). If you have heard something you need to speak loud, because it will be imperative for your children to do this.]

**N'su** — I saw how in the school system the government should support the parents in raising their children, but now it takes away the rights of the parents and the child turns out to be a criminal, going against the government. The government is cutting its own throat. It is an evil spirit in that system. I see it is a wonderful thing to have discipline in school. I'm thankful we have the authority to train our children because we have the ultimate authority because the authority comes from God.

**Elionai** — If children turn out to be disrespectful they can be sent to death and it is the responsibility of the parents. If children do not honor their parents, it is our responsibility. It put a desire in me to be aware of them that they would be respectful.

**Caleb David** — Each good government is founded in the laws of the nations recorded in the Bible, and not once is it stated that government has authority over the parental authority, but rather that government should support parental authority.

**Meshullam** — We train our children to be obedient. Yesterday we heard how obedience is the highest form of love. We train them to love. If we train them to honor us we train them to honor our Father. If we deal with guilt with the rod and do not spare it, our children will understand easily about the removal of guilt from the heart by our Master because all their life long they are experiencing the removal of guilt by the rod.

It shouldn't be that you need the rod so much after 12 or 13.

**Haggai** — I see we have to train our children to the point they can bless us not curse us and the principle of rebellion is when children will look for defects in the parent's authority so they can throw off the restraint. So the parent makes clear his will and his will deals with the rebellion.

**Jehu** — It is wonderful our Father speaks to us about the age of 12 when a child comes into an age of understanding. But in the world, no one knows that. In the world you want to love your child as a friend but it is impossible. A child cannot reason rightly; he is bent to evil. If you put authority in his life and train him up, then you can take him as a friend because he really respects you.

In ten years the edah is going to be explosive!

**Derushah** — I am thankful because I realized what a precious gift it is to know what God intends human beings to be, how He wants them to be raised up and He gives us wisdom that government and books do not have — His instruction. We know what is really true and right. I want to take this in and do what needs to be done.

**Ben Naby** — I see it is a matter of death or life raising our children. The laws He inaugurated for Old Israel, the parents feared giving an account to the elders and to throw the first stone. It is either going to be a curse or a blessing, and it can be a blessing but we have to receive the grace our Father gives us. It is an absolutely serious thing. The blessing or curse will come upon us. I do not want that my son would have to be excommunicated and me having to give an account of why I failed. But I know that if you have a bowl of apples you cannot keep the bad one in there or they will all turn bad. If my son is rebellious, he would contaminate the whole edah and would need to be expelled from it. I see that the death penalty is a good thing; it serves for the benefit of the whole.

**Asher** — From what Ben Naby said, I understand the way that hating your child is sparing the rod. It is with dignity that we raise up our children here, not like in the world where they are raised up like animals.

**Kepha** — I'm thankful that our Father is leading us in all truth, especially about good government. If someone had said to me 10 or 15 years ago that the death penalty was good government, I would have disagreed. But we have to know the whole context of our Father's word. I did not know how it was the law of our Father. I am thankful our Father is renewing my way of thinking and my life. The authority given parents surpasses good



government but it also gives us the right to force our children's obedience, to train them in the way they should go so later they will stay in it.

**Jonathan Elezar** — I appreciated this teaching. I see how the word is true. When you see in the consequences how a child is going to the second death unless you deliver him from it. I never realized how true it was that when you spank him as the word says, you save his life from death. Love compels you to discipline your child.

**Elisheva bat Haggai** — I am thankful for the rod because a few weeks ago I was feeling heavy and then I got disciplined. Now I realized that that heavy feeling I had was because I was guilty. After I was disciplined I felt free, and now I understand why — because the rod took the guilt away.

*Yoneq praised Elisheva for obeying the Holy Spirit and sharing that. How wonderful it was to hear it from her perspective.*



## Authority, Part 6

*Yoneq asked the fathers here in the tribe in Sus how they knew whether their hearts were turned toward their children.*

How do you know whether your heart is turned toward your child? If you are reaching his heart. If you are not reaching his heart as Pr 20:30 says, that means that your heart has not yet been turned toward your child. Pr 20:30 says that discipline, blows, wounds, would cleanse away evil, and the discipline of the rod purges the innermost being. Your child's heart will not be able to be turned to your heart unless you first turn your heart to him. *Then* the child responds by turning his heart back to the father's. If you are not reaching his heart with the rod, his heart is not able to turn toward you. It is impossible for his heart to turn toward you if there is evil in it. You have to release his heart to turn to you (with the rod), otherwise it is bound by the enemy. That is why the father's heart must first be turned to his son in order to discipline him to cleanse the evil away so that the child's heart can turn to his. If his heart is not turned toward yours by youth, you know that you have committed a deadly sin, a sin that will lead you to death. You have spared the rod (Pr 13:24).

A father who does not reach the child's heart with the rod has not turned his heart toward him because you cannot reach his heart with the rod unless you love him — unless your heart is turned toward him. Your heart has to be turned totally toward your son, concentrating all your attention on him in love. If your heart cannot turn toward your child, you actually hate him. In Hebrew there is no middle ground between love and hate. If you withdraw your love, it is hate. The highest form of hate is to ignore someone. No child's heart can turn to a father who hates him. This is a principle that cannot be defied, just like gravity cannot be defied. If you love your child your heart will be turned toward him. Do not expect him to go in the way he should go when he is an adult if you are not training him up in that way (Gen 18:19).

## What is Sparing the Rod?

Now you have a standard by which to tell whether you are sparing the rod or not: Pr 20:30. Sparing the rod is stopping short of using the rod to the decree of removing the evil from the heart of the child.

The command in Rom 13:1 is talking about all governing authorities in every facet of the edah and outside the edah. In everything we do there are authorities we need to look to, submit to, recognize, for there is no authority except from God. The command then is that every person be subject to the authority that God has set up. If we are submitted to Messiah then we must also be subject to all authority everywhere because He has all authority in heaven and earth. He has *all* authority (Mt 28:18), so if you are subject to Messiah, then you are subject to all authority wherever authority is. Even the possibility of the state or nation persecuting the edah did not discourage Paul's conviction that all authority, even civil authority, is ordained and established by God. But when civil rulers overstep or go beyond their proper function, we are always to be loyal to God's word rather than man. We are always to be loyal to God's authority. If civil authorities go beyond the word of God, then you are subject to the higher authority. This is going to be the basis by which we judge.

Submission is absolute, but obedience is relative. For instance, when an adult youth who is in the world wants to come to Messiah and his parents say no, he should obey Messiah. But he should do it with a submissive attitude. Acts 4:19 — The civil authorities commanded them not to speak in Yahshua's name. But they could not stop because the Holy Spirit compelled them. There was a river of life coming forth from the source within them. They could not help it. Even though they were put in jail, there was a compelling force in them, but they were as submissive as they could be... That is what we tell youths who want to come. They respected the civil authorities saying, "Judge for

yourselves whether we are doing wrong or right, but we cannot help but speak (Acts 5:28); we must obey God rather than man.”

*Man* in Acts 5:28 refers to earthly authority according to the government that God had established in Gen 9:6, when He set up human government on the earth by giving man the governing authority to punish evil. That statute was given to Noah. Noah began the nations. All three races of man and all the nations branched off from him. God established human government, governing authority to judge man. So if you disobey human authority you are not obedient to God and you cannot inherit the nations. If you do harm to your fellow man then you are not recognizing that he was made in the image of God. If you do not instinctively know this in your heart, your heart is corrupt to the point that you cannot go to the nations.

But a higher authority than man is God. Everyone is accountable to the government that God instituted, but if we are asked to do something against His word, then we must go to a higher authority. If your father tells you to do something wrong against the word of God, then you must revert to a higher authority. We must obey God rather than *man* (civil authority).

Rulers benefit society in which we live and move and have our being, as Paul said in Acts 17:26-28 (For “in Him” [in His authority] which surrounds us everywhere). We live in a society where there is authority, where God prevails. God set the boundaries of nations; He even set appointed times for certain countries when, because they had become evil, He would institute other nations to destroy them as a discipline. In verse 27, Paul meant that Yahshua had commissioned man to go into every nation under the sun where there is protection for those who groped for Him, to make disciples of them. With this purpose in mind, God made, for example, every inch of the line through the Pyrenees between France and Spain. His authority surrounds us. We do not have any problem looking for authority.

When we see authority everywhere we see it with our eyes or sense it with our senses. Verse 28, Paul quotes the Cretan poet, 600 BC, supporting Rom 1:18-24. Their own poets knew that there was a supreme being. Anyone who suppresses that knowing suppresses his only avenue to the nations and is going to the second death.

Rom 13:1-4 — Rulers exist for the benefit of the society or edah to protect the people by maintaining order (in the edah) or law and order (in the world). We obey them for the sake of our Master. 1 Pet 2:13 — Peter told them to submit themselves for the Messiah's sake to every human institution. We will always submit to the civil authorities until the last trace of good government is eliminated, at which time we will go to the wilderness. We will not go off and live in the Pyrenees until then or we would be being rebellious. For in the previous verse, Peter had just told them to “keep their behavior excellent *among* the Gentiles,” among whom we will always live so that we can be a witness to them. They will commend those who do right. Indirectly, when one disobeys a human ruler (governor, husband, father, elder, “every authority instituted among men”), he disobeys God who ordained the system of human government. Verse 13 and 17 mention a king. When Peter wrote this, Nero was in power. Nero was a godless brutal ruler. He ruled for only a short time, from 54 to 68 AD, because God takes those who misuse authority out of authority. In spite of Nero's behavior, Peter said that they should submit to and honor the king!

However, obedience to the king must never violate the word of God. (That is why there were so many martyrs then.) By the apostles' example, we learn in Acts 4:19 and 5:29 where indirect authority ends and direct authority begins.

When we flee for the wilderness, Dan 7:25 will already be being fulfilled. He is going to change the laws to try to keep us from keeping the feast days. He will speak against the Most High and oppress the saints. Lawlessness will have been set on its irreversible course. The day will come when we have to flee because they will force obedience upon us, even to take the Mark of the Beast. They will cut off our supplies,

etc., but we must try to be prepared to live totally alternatively by that time so we can survive 3½ years before we flee.

1 Pet 2:15 — By doing good as verse 13 and 14 says, by doing right we will silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Because as verse 12 says, there will be people who *observe* our behavior during this time and because of what they see, they will choose to help us. They will flee to the wilderness with us and will reestablish the nations and will be able to glorify God on the day he comes. These people will be so happy that they were able to help us. They are already ordained for the nations.

In verse 12, *see* is to observe — not a glance, but a careful watching. This *see* is the same as in Mt 5:16 where it says to let your light shine before men that they may *see* your good works. That is how they are going to glorify your Father in heaven. It has always been a bewildering, perplexing verse in the Bible. The nations will be able to glorify the Father because, as a result of seeing our respectful behavior, they chose to help us and were blessed with being in the nations, able to glorify God (Mt 25:34). Those in the nations who can see us will be judged by how they help Abraham's offspring (Gen 12:2). Their evaluation is not a snap judgment. They evaluate, consider, and then offer to help.

1 Pet 2:17 — We must show proper respect for everyone, not only the king. Our Master said in Mt 5:46-48 to speak to outsiders, be kind to them, greet them. If we do not speak to them, the opposite judgment of Jn 8:51 will fall on us because this is His word. If we obey everything He says, however, we will not see death.

1 Pet 2:16 — “Live as free men.” This does not authorize us, give us freedom, to live in rebellion against constituted authority in the nations. Our Master told the disciples to pay tax to keep the Gentiles from stumbling. We are free men; He commands us to *submit* to God and to earthly authority. If we still have something in our hearts against authority, still have a hard time with authority, then we still have a hard time with God. In Tit 3:1-3, “rulers and authorities” refers to all *levels* of human government.

Eph 3:10 and 6:12 speaks of heavenly authorities. The authority in the air, the heaven, sky, air, is Satan. Our battle is not flesh and blood, neither against one another, nor against earthly rulers and authorities, but angelic rulers in the heavenly places. And so you can see in Eph 3:11 and 1:10 what the edah's eternal purpose is, which will come about because Messiah was raised from the dead and seated in the heavenly places (verse 20-22). He *is* in the heavenly places, but He is *above* all earthly rulers and *all demonic rulers*. He has greater authority (verse 21) and has put all things in subjection under His feet (verse 22). The headship of Messiah over the church is the preparation for His ultimate goal, the objective, that His kingship will extend over all things, the whole universe.

*In* Messiah in Eph 1:10 means *us*. Now through the united twelve tribes of Israel, the edah (Eph 3:10), the wisdom of God, which in ages past was hidden but is now being made known — the restoration of Israel (verse 6). For as the lost, rebellious Israelites were driven and scattered, now all mankind, those who are far off, will be brought near, welcomed into this eternal family of Israel (Eph 2:13).

**Havah** — I want to share how thankful I am for the teachings. I see how at times when I would say to the judge, “You can’t do that because it is against our Father’s word,” we wouldn’t get anywhere. But as soon as we would just submit ourselves, it would free our Father’s hand to work. But I see too how our Father covers our sins as we learn to walk in His way. Despite the things that are still in us, He is patient with us and works things out.

**Ben Nabiy** — We are being saved. We all thought wrong. I knew nothing about authority. I’m thankful our Father is revealing His purpose and ways and is leading us and guiding us to all truth.

**Jehu** — Our Father gives us wisdom. In the world you have either rebels or evangelical church-goers who conform totally. Our Father gives us wisdom. He wants us to submit to the government but when the government goes too far and wants us to disobey Him, then we obey Him.

**N’su** — There is no disputing against the Word of God. You cannot dispute against the truth no matter how high the authority can be; there is no way



to take away from His word. It is the rock; it's clear; it's the plumb-line. I'm thankful we have the word.

**Meshullam** — Those people in the nations are going to see us and see our behavior and through our behavior they are going to know that they would help us and they will inherit the nations because they helped us.

Even the people who cannot observe us because they are outside our tribal area, the Male Child will go out to them preaching the eternal gospel to them. Even the ones who cannot observe us, they will have a chance to escape because of the Male Child who is telling them to fear God and honor Him.

**Yoceph** — I was thinking how wonderful the principle of authority is. Our Father *is* authority and has established every authority. He even establishes governments. He was the one who established all the nations, people, boundaries because he wanted that there would be authority — order on the earth. At the same time, there is a principle of rebellion at work that wants to do away with authority and capital punishment. The draft and child abuse laws expose the evil that is at work that wants to destroy the authority our Father established in every realm, taking away their God-given authority.

By us learning about authority it is going to restore everything because we as parents are going to understand the authority that has been delegated to us to raise our children. It is going to bring a generation into obedience. Children are going to obey their parents, parents are going to obey the authority of the government in the Edah, the edah is going to obey the authority of Yahshua, Yahshua obeys our Father. And seeing obedience to authority in us is going to bring honor to our Father. Obedience is from your will. Through seeing our obedience people are going to acknowledge his authority. Our Father's authority is going to be acknowledged in every realm: in children, parents, government, in the edah.

**Ephraim** — The way we can recognize whether we spare the rod or not is if the heart of the child is turned to the Father's heart — if we reach the child. Lately I sense that I reached their heart, but it is not often. It is easy to discipline and still spare the rod. You can see whether his heart is not turned to yours.

**ha-êmeq** — The evil one has worked so hard to get the society to where it is today. The people who go to the nations will have known about

authority. But I was raised so disrespectful to authority. The evil one has gone a long way. I've never met anyone good enough to go to the nations. Maybe 100 years ago people would have known instinctively that the death penalty was good and would have stood for what is right. Probably none of us in all of the communities would have been the kind of people who would have gone to the nations. The enemy has gone through so much to get the society to a place where this teaching about authority sounds like a foreign language...

And the verse does not just say, "Honor the king." It says, "*Honor everyone and honor the king.*" We are not going to just honor kings, but everyone. Everyone deserves honor because they are created in the image of God. We honor the postman, the policeman, the garbage man, everyone, *and* we honor the king. I want that part of me to be restored where I will respect and honor people because I know that society I was raised in did not put it in me.

**Jehu** — It is fashionable today to give honor to handicapped people, but not to policemen. But we learn to honor all.

**Lebanah** — It means also, don't speak bad about anybody.

We must come back to God, to authority. We have to be totally one with authority. There cannot be any separation between us and authority so we can be God's people who bring about the end.

**Yochanan** — Even if the authority is wrong to the point they are coming against us and we have to take a stand, we are learning tonight that we will still be respectful. When the police barge in here, something rises up in you to tell them they have no right to talk to us that way. We don't have to do what they say because we know that they are going beyond their authority and have no right to do it, that what they are doing is against the law, but we can still be submissive in the way we tell them.

The day will come when we will be persecuted for righteousness sake (Mt 5:12). Blessed are you when you are persecuted for righteousness sake because great is your reward in heaven. When they come and kill us we can rejoice. Be sure that when you are persecuted for righteousness sake, you rejoice because Jn 8:51 says that if you do not obey His word you will see death. It will be the last commandment we will keep. We are

to be so overwhelmingly glad that we would leap in the sky. No longer will we be persecuted for unrighteousness sake, for reviling authority.

*Yônêq asked Labeshu, our wonderful brother who left Germany in his early 20's and lived in a teepee in the Pyrenees with his (now) wife and family for 8 or 9 years, what he has learned from these teachings.*

**Labeshu** responded that what he saw was the powerful salvation of our Master, what it means to be covered by Messiah, because authority, for me... I did not like authority in the world. But now I see it is really important.

Our Father knew just what we needed.

*We thanked our King, our Master Yahshua whom we serve and honor.*



## Authority, Part 7

*Tonight Yônêq continued teaching about authority and spoke about the head.*

Our physical head is the place where authority resides over our body. Your head is where authority lives. All authority is from the head. There is no authority except from the head. If the head gives an order for the hand to scratch the other hand, it delegates authority to do this. The head is the seat of the body's honor. It is where the honor in the body resides. Every single physical part of your body is in complete submission to the head. The function of every organ is carried out by the dictates of the head. Even growth is carried out by signals from the head. Salvation is in recognizing the head. Yahshua the Messiah is the head over all things. Whoever can recognize God's authority in the Son of God through a sent one can inherit all things and rule with the Son of God over all creation. But only those who have a need can see that. The only people who can see this are Abraham's seed, Abraham's offspring (Gal 4:29; Heb 2:16).

The only people who can receive the Son of God are those who have an innate fear of death and are held in bondage of the fear of death (Heb 2:15-16). If you do not have this fear, you cannot be saved from death because you do not know you are under the death sentence. If you do not believe in the death sentence of man, you cannot be saved because Yahshua came to free man from the death sentence, to free men from the bondage of the fear of death. Abraham's offspring are the twelve tribes of Israel, the Holy City, the New Jerusalem whose ultimate salvation is spoken of in Rev 21. Those who are incorporated in that seed will rule over all the universe throughout eternity and there is no end to His rule.

We have a head as a type. It typifies Messiah. Every man who prays or prophesies (in the place where we come together to worship) with his head covered dishonors his head (1 Cor 11:4-5). Man's head is Messiah and women's head is man and God is the head of Messiah. That is the order of God. In order to be in that order you had to

recognize and come under authority. Lk 10:16 — If you receive one who has been delegated by Messiah to tell you the good news that you can be saved from death, then you can, because that delegation of power is the order of salvation. Everyone who is saved is under the authority of God the Father through man, and man is the head of woman. If you are outside that order, you are outside of salvation where death reigns and are still under the death sentence. Jn 13:20 is the order of salvation. You receive the authority of Messiah and the authority of God through a human being who has been sent, just like the hand has the authority to scratch the other hand because it has been delegated from the head.

Verses 4-6 — so as Messiah honored God, he esteemed, revered, exalted, praised, worshipped, lived for and obeyed Him, carrying out His will completely, man is to honor Messiah and woman is to honor man. When you see the head you see authority. You can see authority when you see the head. In Eph 1:21-22 you see the principle of headship. Our Master has authority over all angelic power (fallen and unfallen). He is not only going to be over all authority in this age but in the age to come. He was given as head over everything — every created thing, the whole universe — to the edah because the edah is the one who is going to rule all things. Now he is training us how to recognize authority. Messiah is not complete without His Body (verse 23). The fullness of Him is the completion of Him. We are the completion of Messiah like the wife is the completion of her husband. Headship is seen in the concept of submission (Col 1:18), which is that He would have first place in everything (Col 2:10).

The husband's position of authority is to be honored by the wife, and the children should honor the parents' position of authority. Man uncovers his head in worship to show respect for and submission to Messiah. If he ever wears a hat, it is for a practical purpose. But in the *qahal*, the meeting, he would never wear something on his head. When a man prays or prophesies in the meeting with his head covered, he fails to show

proper respect for Messiah. He does not see Messiah to the extent that he needs to in order to show respect for Him.

Woman wears a headcovering for man and Messiah. Woman's privilege is to wear the headcovering. For a woman to take off her headcovering in the meeting was a sign of disgrace (1 Cor 11:5-6). If you dishonor your head you are not worthy of Messiah. She might as well have her hair cut off which would be a sign that she had been publicly disgraced or is flaunting her independence and refusal to submit to her husband.

A woman wears her headcovering for the angels (verse 10). Angels are sent out — delegated to help those who will inherit salvation (Heb 1:14). It is clear that the angels led you to a human agent who represented Messiah to you, and in receiving him, you received Messiah. Angels are interested and present in all aspects of our salvation. They are sensitive to the order among us and know who is showing disrespect for authority. They are messengers and are sent to watch everything that is going on in the edah, especially where we come together in our meetings, where our spirituality is revealed. Because we can work and work and work, but if we cannot worship, pray, and prophesy, then we are nothing.

Angels are sensitive to our behavior and the proper order of things. They are interested in our order, behavior, character, decency, decorum, and propriety. They see every woman with a headcovering and everyone who does not respect her head. They see everything we say and do in the edah and the motive of our hearts. 1 Cor 4:5 evaluates the very motive of our hearts. The judgment will bring out the motive we washed the dishes with, whether we were carrying out our work in good faith or not. The angels are interested in those who belong to Messiah in submission to Him. Messiah has exclusive rights to us because we are His possession. The edah gives witness to all the universe (Eph 3:10; 1 Tim 5:21). Everything we do is in the presence and sight of the holy angels. A woman wears a headcovering for the sake of the angels. She wears it because the Holy Spirit has revealed it to her by the word. It is a sign of authority,

woman's authority as a co-worker with man (Gen 1:26-27). Man's authority is properly received by the woman in her headcovering. Woman receives man's authority in her headcovering. 1 Cor 11:16 — Anyone who wants to be contentious about this should be aware that there is no other practice in the communities of God. This is the practice, especially in the meetings.

Men have short hair and women have long hair. Long hair is given to her as a natural covering. If a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him. Hair length is relative to the woman's hair: women's hair is long as it can be. Man's hair is short in comparison, but not as short as it can be.

Headcovering is based on Gen 3:16. The Creator's words were that "...he shall rule over you." The reason man had to rule over her and not just all other creatures was because it was woman who disobeyed the commandment to not eat from that tree. She probably begrudged the command and when the serpent came to her, if she had turned to her husband, they could have handled the serpent's temptation, but she was independent and therefore was deceived. Woman fell and man chose to fall with her to rule over her and help her in her instability and judge the things that she is confused by and deceived in. He rules over her, loving her and guarding her susceptibility to being deceived.

*Rule* means government. We all need to be ruled over by good government, i.e., parents, husbands, elders, even good rulers in the nations. To *rule* means to govern, control; control the will and the actions of the wife (1 Tim 3:5). A wife in salvation will submit to that because she sees it is her salvation and if you are outside of that order, you are outside salvation. If we are going to rule the nations, we have to submit to the authority of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, doing the will of the Father.

A woman has an inborn tendency to try to take the head of the husband unless she is ruled. Fallen woman will try to take the reigns of the head. This is a satanic principle, wanting to be equal with or above God. Woman is under this satanic principle.



She also has an inborn tendency to be unstable and cannot go the right course alone because she has a tendency to drift away. Although she is the helpmate of man, she has to be ruled over in order to be that helpmate.

Man has an inborn quality to be the ruler. Woman has the inborn flaw of being able to drift out from under his covering. Love brings the wife to desire to be submissive to the husband and she will respect his authority because the husband loves the wife. These words (Gen 3:16) are the very words of the Creator and are registered in the very spirit of man and woman, passed down even to this very day. But in these times, woman's liberation is coming to the forefront. It is the end time manifestation of the serpent's venom. Even though fallen man has mistreated woman, engendering more disrespect, the principle still remains. 6000 years later it is still in the heart of man and woman. Anyone who rebels against that rebels against God's word and the inborn instinctive knowledge of the Creator (Rom 1:18-20).

So in Eph 5:22-23 it says wives submit to your husbands, even 6000 years after Gen 3:6, as to the very Sovereign of heaven for he represents Messiah. Any lack of submission to the husband is the same (indirectly) as lack of submission to Messiah. The husband is the savior of the wife in that sense, representing Yahshua to her. Although the wife is commanded to submit to her husband, women still need that ruling factor in their lives to bring them to proper submission. They need help. The husband is the head of the wife just as Yahshua is the head of the Body. The head (Messiah, the husband) has the right to tell the body (the edah, the wife) what to do and the body must be submissive to the head. If not, you are in disobedience, which brings death.

If the husband is going to be the ruler he must love the wife as Messiah loved the church, laying down his life for her. Thus our Father established *good* rulership, not oppressive. Our Master does not beat us into submission. He waits on us but He rules us, guides us by the Holy Spirit, to lead us into that submission. The husband is to love his

wife but rule over her impulses to enable her to have self-judgment, the same self-judgment as her head has.

Man is His highest creature, God's highest thought. God conceived man in His own mind, made him in His very own picture and likeness. He is just like God. If God was to be here on earth, He would be just like a man.

Man is able to form a plan in his mind and carry it out precisely, whereas animals live by mere instinct. Sadly enough, man in his greatest fallen condition worships animals when God has put man above all the animals and made him in His very own image. Only man can form plans in the mind and carry them out. Man alone can have wisdom and understand and comprehend. He is not like uncultured animals who cannot pass on knowledge from generation to generation, but man can conceive and bring forth what he has in his heart for good or evil (Job 15:35). Only man is capable of imagining, thinking out a well-formed plan in the mind, contriving an invention. To contrive is to form or design, to plan or to scheme, invent, and devise. These are all attributes of God. Gen 11:5-7 gives an illustration of the manner in which God himself respects man's ability, what he is capable of doing. God knew that if they could all speak the same language, nothing they purposed to do would be impossible for them. God knew the capability of man to plan, invent, conceive, devise, scheme, etc., and He was certain of man's creative power of contrivance. He could conceive in his mind something utterly remarkable and he could bring it about. We can see by the building of the tower of Babel what would become of the world if all men were united under one ruler. (If all the nations in the world today unite, nothing which they propose will be impossible.) God knew man was capable of destroying himself, so *They* (the plural of God Himself) said, "Let *Us* go down and confuse their languages."

Man was created in a natural and moral likeness of God, morally and intellectually. Man fell in both but is still able to reflect His glory, especially in his intellect, emotions, and will. Man has kept the nobility of human life, created in the

image of God (Jms 3:9; Gen 9:6). This is the basis upon which capital punishment is supported, and upheld, by men who still reflect a moral likeness of God, who keep the order of the nations. They uphold this order of capital punishment, recognizing that man was made in the image of God and so should be killed if he murders one who is the image of God, upholds God's order. Capital punishment is upheld by men who still reflect a moral likeness of God, who are morally like God to some degree. The rest of humans are of no value to God or mankind, and therefore they will be cast away, because they have not honored God as God since they saw no reflection of His image in man. They have suppressed the truth, which is evident to them in their evil heart and mind (Rom 1:18-22).

It is evident that man is created in the image of God — an exalted form of being — for he has a living soul in him peering out of his eyeballs; he can create, conceive, scheme. There is nothing that enters into his mind that will be impossible for man to do, especially if he has one mind and one language. [But God saw that without Him, man would only hurt himself, so, in His mercy, He confused their languages and scattered them over the earth so that they would not progress too quickly to destruction. But in these last days they are coming back together again. They will think that if they can do away with the twelve tribes of Israel, they can do anything because they would be doing away with the salt and light of the earth — the restraining power.] Refusing to honor God, they became futile in their speculations. A person's *speculations* refers to his mental view which reflects his spirit. *Speculations* refers to the train of thoughts that a person has and this outlook determines his judgment. If he becomes futile in his mental view, he is useless to God, because he does not recognize His order or that man was made in His image. Therefore he is capable only of destruction and so is cast away as having no worth, but is evil and is going to the second death unless the good news reaches him like it reached us. We see in Rev 20:12 that the final judgment will be based on a person's

thoughts and his deeds. Satan only *thought* about ascending the throne of God — he speculated. He became a fallen angel and is now trying to ascend once again.

Speculation is theory, mental schemes. One mental scheme of man today is saying that man has come from animals. Professing to be wise without God, they have become fools instead. They are without excuse (verse 20) *because* all things that are made reveal to all men the power and Divine Nature of the true God, especially the highest creation — man. The mountains, flowers, trees, vegetables, also reflect the eternal power and divine nature of God, but the highest is man. If we forget that man is the highest creation, we will not respect man and if we lose respect for man, we lose respect for God, because man is made in the image of God. Even though man is fallen, we have to see the principle. The rejection of this truth makes a man without excuse before God and he is accountable to God if he lies to, harms, or does anything against a man. When you come into the presence of a human being you should respect and honor him. If you do not understand that you are fit for destruction.

Gen 9:5-6 — “I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed.” We see homicide here. The punishment for murder demands punishment that matches the crime. This is the law of the nations. The punishment is capital punishment. If you do not recognize this, you do not recognize the Creator in man. This is the Creator’s word in order to sustain order until the end. Gen 9:6 is a just punishment for all who do not accept Rom 1:18-22 and show disrespect for their fellow man to the point of murdering him, for it is not understood by them that man is the image-bearer of God. Therefore it is a must that man who is the image of God and reflects His glory must shed the blood of the guilty ones in judgment for their crime. It is a deterrent to crime. If we fail to see the divine attributes and God’s image and likeness in man, we insult the Creator who made man in His image. If a man understands this he will treat him in a way that makes him worthy of the nations. If not, he will slander his neighbor, be selfish with his riches, shut off his

neighbor with a wall, etc., failing to see the nobility and high rank of man above other creatures, regardless of how he acts. A man is without excuse if he does not see this.

Gen 11:6 — The kingdom of men without God being pre-eminent as its center will take destiny in their own hands and will have a man-centered effort to try to seize the reins of history without God, since there is no limit to his unrestrained, but God-like, superior intellect because he is made in the likeness of God. This kingdom of man without God will try to displace and exclude the kingdom of God. That is what he is trying to do. That is why the Stone is essential to put an end to that very effort. From this you can see the necessity of Dan 2:44.

Without a common language (probably English), the joint effort would probably be impossible. With the headship of the harlot, this attempt will once again (Gen 11:8-9) not only be contemplated but also be carried out to a certain degree (Jer 51). In Rev 17:3 you see the Babylon that will try this. *Babylon* means “gateway to God” — satanic rebellion, still trying to ascend above God’s position to rule the universe without Him. It is a satanic principle to want to rise above God’s authority.

Therefore in the edah, God has commanded that every soul would be in submission to one another (Eph 5:21), and in the world, that people would respect one another, because each one has the capacity of receiving His Divine Spirit because each one is made in the image and likeness of God. Every thought, deed, and incident of disrespect will have to be answered for by every man and will receive its due recompense (Rom 2:12-16; Rev 20:12). The spirit of natural man makes him conscious of God. If it does not, he is a fool and he has no inheritance in the nations, for “a fool says in his heart ‘there is no God.’” Man knows instinctively that there is a God, therefore he must submit to Him. Man became a living soul, the seat of the self-conscious nature where you plan, scheme, think up things, remember, pray, love.

Our spirit, soul, and body, the three-fold nature of man, has to be blameless (1 Ths 5:23). If not, we have wasted our life, wasted our time, accomplished nothing. “May

God Himself sanctify you entirely...” This is what we are called for, and He who calls us will do it if we will be in submission to Him of our own free will. We are responsible to plan and scheme for God for His purpose, under submission to His will, to one another. If we are going to be light and salt to the nations, we need to know what the nations should be doing so they could be convicted and find hope in salvation.

**N’su** — I see how high a creation man is, created in the image of our Father. That man has the ability to scheme and conceive and plan ... things in man are so amazingly powerful. I’m thankful I was created a human being. I want to respect people — because man is a remarkable creation. I’m thankful that God created man.

**Ephraim** — If God would be here, He would be like man (unfallen). I had thought that God is so much further away from man, but He put Himself *in* man. If we see that we would respect other human beings.

Ps 8 says that man was created a little lower than God, so he could do what he was created to do and accomplish what he was created to accomplish. They said, “Let’s make man in Our image and likeness, *then* he will put an end to Satan.”

**Haggai** — I see that our Father *breathed* into man a spirit that man became a living soul. After this the human spirit would be able to welcome the divine Spirit. Man was created in order to ultimately become the housing for the divine spirit. But first He had to be human. It was the same way with our Master Yahshua. All men do bear the image of their Creator but we are truly living in an even higher likeness than other men, for our spirit has received the divine spirit which it was created to house in the beginning. Now we will be conformed completely into the likeness of His Son (Rom 8:29; 1 Pet 1:4).

**Asher** — I saw the great righteousness of God. In the world all you see is the fight between everybody. But there is a purpose to respect people, to give God honor. In the world everyone wants to receive honor for himself, but we are in a position to give honor.

**Ahavah Shua** — This teaching helps me to see the death penalty as something wonderful because people who receive this order respect God because they are respecting man.

**Ben Nabiy** — When man is together and they have one language there is nothing they are not able to do. Even our Father respects that. It is actually

an awesome thing that Satan is trying to do. It creates a desire in me that the Stone Kingdom would come about and Satan's attempt can come to an end. I'm thankful we are part of the chosen ones who recognized God in our spirit and now have His Spirit dwelling in us.

**Derushah** — I'm thankful to be a covered woman. I am honored that I can express the order that our Father established for my brothers and for Yahshua and for how His image is being expressed by male and female being one and how they need one another. His image is being restored. People are going to see who He really is. I want to give myself to walk in this.

**Naomi** — I see how our Father made it clear in the new covenant how women can be saved, by giving honor to their heads.

There is no salvation outside that order. That is authority. There is no salvation outside the true edah.

**N'su** — I'm thankful how Yahshua was man but not fallen. He was like a light.

We are going to walk in the same way. When we submit our spirit, soul and body, all these attributes of the spirit will be like Yahshua. It is going to be that way in the edah — unselfconscious, not intimidated — He is going to do it. It is destined for us to be that way. The word of God says it. We're going to be the image of God. That was Yahshua. That is what we are going to be, that light.

**Havah** — I can see how all these things hinge on us trusting. None of what we heard can happen if we do not trust what our Father said and Yahshua did, and that even though we are messed up, if we trust, he is going to do it, then he is going to do it.

**Meshullam** — Our Father is absolutely righteous. If you read Rom 1:18 you see that man should know he should honor God. He knows in his conscience. Something tells you when you see a tree that it didn't just come about by some speculation in a man's mind. Even without knowing Him, I knew there was a God. Even if you see grass growing, it's so little, but grass actually has the ability to form light and energy. There MUST be a God. God has to punish those who deny Him, because those who do not honor God do not honor man. You see it in oppressive governments, and you saw it in Nazi Germany, and in people who pollute the environment to the extent that it kills people. Their conscience tells them, "You can't do this,

it'll kill people.” But his greed outweighs his conscience. In German there's an expression, “After me, the flood.” It means after me, it doesn't matter what happens. Man who does not honor God, then he does not honor man and so he receives the due punishment.

**Caleb David** — I see the time is right now for the Stone Kingdom to be cut out. I met an American who worked in Toulouse in an electronics space project with Americans, Europeans, and Japanese. If they work together in electronics, there is no limit to what they can do, and here we are, a little germ sprouting in the foothills of the Pyrenees.

**Hasah ba Hagav** — I see how the edah is the completion of Yahshua. It is His body and He is the head. The world is trying to make a body without a head. Man is going to come back together without a head. And we know how destructive it is going to be when man comes into unity without God because man disconnected from and without God will destroy himself. But we were not chosen to be objects of wrath and destruction but we were chosen to be objects of salvation. We are going to bring salvation to the universe. We are going to be in God's order and functioning in the Body throughout the universe.

**Daniel ben Chazaq** — Man and woman were created to be together. Together they could defeat the evil one. It is the same today with us. We need each other to defeat the evil one. We cannot do it by ourselves, but we need each other.

**Hasah ba Hagav** — I used to think that some authority was good and some wasn't. But now I see that all authority is from God. In the edah when we come into obedience to authority, it is going to make our offering acceptable. The burnt offering is obedience to God. He is teaching us about authority and our worship is going to be a burnt offering acceptable to God.



## Authority, Part 8

Authority is a mystery, like lawlessness is a mystery. In the last days lawlessness will be set in a mystery form. Most people will not know it is lawlessness. Maybe it will be a form of godliness but it will be rebellion against the word of God. Authority is a mystery too. Some people will revile authority without knowing it. Then judgment will come if they cannot judge themselves. David was a man who saw authority and his throne has been set up forever and ever. David was tested through and through on how he related to authority.

1 Sam 15 — At this time Samuel told Saul that the kingdom would be torn from him because he had seemingly done a good thing, but actually he inwardly reasoned with God's command to him and our Father saw it as rebellion. But most people would have felt it was a good thing. In the last days a form of Pharisee-ism will set in, where people will practice good moral ethics in a lot of ways, but it will not be the kind of obedience our Father is looking for. The closer you come to obedience without obeying, the greater form of rebellion it is because you put on an *appearance of obedience* but you are reserving something for yourself. Rebellion is like the sin of divination (1 Sam 15:22-23). Even though Saul looked like he was obeying, he rejected the word of the Lord. God saw it as rebellion and arrogance because he rejected His word, and so, Samuel said, "He has rejected you as king" (verse 23). Saul knew he had sinned; he feared people. He violated the Lord's direct command by disobeying the indirect command through Samuel. Therefore the kingdom will be given to *one better than you* (verse 28).

Saul exposed his heart in verse 30. After this Saul became very jealous of David, knowing that David would take over his kingdom when he died, not one of his own sons (1 Sam 24). After all that happened in chapter 24 and Saul even wept at David's respect, later on Saul changed his mind. Anger came back to him and he got jealous again so he went out again to find David (1 Sam 26).

These things are written in the Word for us to understand how we are to treat authority, even waning authority. Saul's kingship was going to be taken away, but he was still king. In 2 Sam 1:14 a man finally finished Saul off, killed Saul and came to David thinking he was going to get a reward, but David replied, "Why were you not afraid to stretch out your hand against God's anointed?" David ordered that this man be killed.

In Dan 2:44 it says that in the days of the ten kings who are established over the ten nations, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed. *How does God set up a kingdom in this age that will never be destroyed?*

David would not kill Saul with his own hand in order to hurry up or expedite God's plan and will. He would not strike against authority to rush God's will and plan for him. He waited for God to work. His heart was in quiet obedience. Even that one time when he cut off Saul's skirt, his heart smote him, his conscience struck him. He knew authority. His heart was after God's heart. He knew the authority of God in his heart. Although Saul chased him in order to kill him, David submitted himself to God's authority. He even called Saul *Master, Lord, God's Anointed*. This revealed an important fact: subjection to authority is not just person to person, not just a person subject to a person, but it is a *person subjecting himself to the authority which is on the other person*.

David submitted himself to the Lord's anointed who had been chosen by God and anointed by Samuel. David saw that he was the Lord's anointed and that to strike against Saul would be striking the Lord's anointed, like striking against God. Saul still had the anointing on him that Samuel gave him to be king and David recognized that anointing and would rather flee than strike against the anointed of God.

True, Saul had disobeyed God and was rejected, but this was between Saul and God. David's responsibility before God was to be subject to the Lord's anointed. When the kingdom of Israel was established, authority was established in King Saul. Saul was chosen to be God's delegated authority. Since Saul disobeyed, God rejected Saul and

anointed David to be king. But David was still a man under Saul's authority, numbered among Saul's people, listed in Saul's army.

There were two anointings: David and Saul. Saul was enthroned; David had not yet ascended to the throne. Israel had two kings. Saul was enthroned as king; David had not yet ascended as king. David was in a difficult situation. But David resisted the temptation to kill Saul in the cave because he knew he was the anointed of God (1 Sam 24). But was it not David that was anointed by God? Since he was standing in the will of God, it could have seemed like the right time had come to kill Saul (verse 4). Reason might say, "Wouldn't it be a good move to help God accomplish His will." But David felt strongly in his heart that he could not do it. He went by the law that was in his heart, whereas Saul did not obey a direct command from our Father. David was a better man than Saul. To kill Saul would be to stretch out his hand against God's anointed. Though Saul was rejected, he was still set up by God. Were Saul to be killed, David could have immediately ascended to the throne. But *David was a man who knew how to deny himself of the urge in him*. The urge of God was greater than the urge of the flesh. He would rather delay his own kingship than go against God's order.

The principle is there that our Master used in Mt 16:24-25, that if you deny yourself and take up your cross, you can follow Him, and he who wishes to save his life will lose it but he who loses his life for the Master's sake will find it. Our Master saw that principle in David. David was a man after God's own heart and our Master Yahshua was just like that. That is why He will sit on David's throne forever. Once God had installed Saul as king and put David in a position under his authority, David would have had to rebel in order to further his own. But there was no rebellion on his hands (1 Sam 24:11). [Rebellion cannot stay in the edah, neither in children nor in adults.] Instead David stood absolutely for God's anointed. 1 Sam 26:9 — "Who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?" This is very important. *Whenever a person sins against authority or speaks a word against authority in any way, he is guilty of*

*rebellion and will die.* Many people have spoken against delegated authority, rebelled against it, but they are no longer here. They are either excommunicated or, if they are so dull and are not judged, they die.

There is a difference between 1 Sam 26:9 and 24:4-6. In chapter 24, David cut Saul's skirt, but in chapter 26, he did not touch Saul, he merely took Saul's canteen and sword. God gave David the opportunity to resist the temptation to kill Saul. The second time David spared Saul's life, he did not touch his person or robe, but got what was outside his body. David would rather be obedient to God and respect God's authority than save his own life (Mt 16:24-26).

1 Sam 31 and 32, David's attitude was still one of submission and self-denial, submitting himself to God's authority. Because David maintained the authority of God, God acknowledged him as a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). This should be *precious* to all of us.

Since David's throne will be established forever and ever, and Messiah is enthroned on it, no one else will be able to rule with Messiah without this same kind of heart (and even greater in the New Covenant). When it comes to recognition of, submission to, and love for authority, David *maintained* the authority of God. It is one thing to raise up the twelve tribes, but to *maintain* the light is another thing. This will come by maintaining authority. The kingdom of David continues today on his throne (Acts 2:33). Our Master Yahshua is sitting on David's throne today, ruling over Israel. He has established authority in the spiritual Israel of God. Only those who are subject to authority can *be* authority in this age and in the next age. Every one of us must cut off the roots of rebellion in our hearts. There *is* subtle rebellion in each of us. It has to be cut off or you will be cut off. Either it goes or you do. It is absolutely essential that we be subject to authority in order to be authority. All rebellion must come out of us in this age in order for the Stone Kingdom to do its job.

Heb 5:7-9; Mal 2:5-11 — During the days of His flesh, Yahshua was heard because of His reverent submission to God's authority. Do not think that you can be heard if you are not submissive to authority. What will be heard instead is your rebellion. He learned obedience through what He suffered and became a source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Our Master Yahshua had to learn how to obey. We do not know how to obey until we learn it and we learn it through suffering. That is the only way we can learn obedience. He did not *bring* obedience to the earth. But the word says He *learned* it. If *He* had to learn obedience, how much more do we have to learn ... by suffering like David did. *It does not matter whether we have suffered or not; what matters is whether we have learned obedience through our suffering.* Many people have suffered and when it seemed intolerable they left or rebelled or spoke harsh words. But you will suffer over and over and over until you have learned obedience.

This is a principle that will continue into the next age until we learn obedience. Those who learn obedience in this way will be like Him and will be useful for His purpose. You might build 15,000 lodges and you might suffer physically but it will not do you any good unless you have learned obedience through it. As long as our hearts are still hard and not soft, suffering will not leave us alone, even if He has to put us in a place with unbelievers because we did not learn obedience when we suffered, but instead we lashed out when we came to the end of our patience. When you come to the end of being like Yahshua, you lash out (Phil 3:10-12; Col 1:24; 1 Pet 4:12). We have been chosen to do our share of suffering to make up for the suffering of Messiah. If we do not have fellowship with His suffering we will not be raised to life and share His resurrection (Phil 3:10-12; Rev 20:4-5; Col 1:22-23; Phil 2:5).

The whole *theme* of the Bible is of being made into His image, walking as He walked, obeying as He obeyed, spending our lives as He did. We have to be made perfect in obedience just like He was. When your monthly period of suffering comes (men and

women alike), some people fall under every time. They feel like God has left them. But He is putting us in this period of suffering to test our obedience. By going through suffering after suffering He learned obedience unto death, even the cross. All that we go through is to prepare us to go through that final hour of suffering when some of us will even be tortured. For some people the suffering of losing their child is too much and they leave. It may not seem so bad, but if Messiah is not everything to you, He is nothing to you, and so you are not worthy of Him.

When our Master came forth from the Godhead to become a man, He really became a man — weak, acquainted with suffering. Every time He suffered it prepared Him for the supreme sacrifice, the final act of obedience that He was to make. Our suffering prepares us for that. No suffering of any kind made Him murmur or complain (1 Cor 10:10). Old Israel murmured and complained in their tents when they suffered and God heard it. We have to go through suffering in order that no suffering will make us murmur or complain or have a bad attitude. You can judge your heart by what comes out of your mouth, but you need to judge yourself before it comes out of your mouth and repent that it is in your heart.

With some of us, our suffering has increased but our obedience has not, when the whole purpose of suffering is to learn obedience, thus we have lived up to this point in vain. When suffering came we murmured and complained and were not obedient to be thankful and joyful.

1 Jn 2:4 — The truth will come forth in his believers. The truth is not in us, to be manifested in suffering, if we murmur and complain.

1 Jn 2:6 — We must walk as He walked. This means exactly what it says and says exactly what it means. We must obey *every* word or we will be cut off (Acts 3:23). This is good news. It teaches us how not to be cut off (Heb 5:9; Acts 5:32). God will set up Dan 2:44 in this way (Rev 12:10). [Some people will reject this word they hear tonight and some people will receive this word and they will be the called, chosen and faithful

spoken of in Rev 17:14.] That kingdom will be built on absolute obedience and will fill the whole earth. He sets up this kingdom through obedience — not through suffering, but through obedience (Jn 10:17). Our Master never disobeyed His Father, never resisted His authority. By obeying and letting His Father rule over Him, He set up His headship over His kingdom, and we are His kingdom (Heb 3:6).

By nothing short of the recognition of, submission to, and love for authority that I've spoken of tonight will Dan 2:44 be set up. This is the fifth and the final kingdom that is going to be. It is built on the ruins of the mountain from which we were cut out. We were cut out of the mountain of the world and the new kingdom is set up on the ruins of that kingdom of the world (Rev 11:15).

Gal 1:4 — We have been cut out of this present wicked world by learning authority. We are out of the world but the world must come out of us, and it comes out through obedience to authority (Col 1:13; 1 Pet 2:9). From the ruins of this evil rebellious age of man, the Stone Kingdom will be set up and this new authority will extend over the whole earth (Dan 2:35).

Who is the Stone? Messiah.

Who is Messiah? *We* are the completion, the fullness of Messiah. We make Him complete. Messiah and we become one, married, one flesh = Messiah. We are the completion of Him, the fullness of Him (Eph 1:23).

Rev 21:1 — There will be a new heaven and a new earth which goes on forever an ever. Messiah is actually reigning now (Eph 1:20-21). Those who have their heart connected to Him by the Spirit are ascended with Him (Eph 2:6). Those who do not, cannot ascend to the throne and rule over all things; they are probably not even thankful for their salvation.

He is ruling over His kingdom (Eph 1:20-21) now and in the age to come. He is installed upon a throne and He rules Israel. We have to rule with Him in this age if we are going to rule with Him in the next age. David was ruling. We have to rule the same

as David. If we are submissive to authority we will rule, but if we have a hard time with authority we will not rule as kings. Our Master is ruling over the house of Jacob (Heb 3:6). He will rule in heaven until He comes to rule on earth, which He cannot do until Heb 10:13 comes about, until all of His enemies are dealt with. We deal with His enemies through obeying authority. He will sit in heaven until His enemies have nothing else to do with us. No one is going to do it but us. The Spirit has been sent to us to engender a love for Messiah that would make us want to obey Him.

We are cut out of the mountain of Satan; the whole world is under the authority and domain of Satan (1 Jn 5:19). We become a kingdom that supplants the kingdom of this world. The house of Jacob is a supplanter. We are the house of Jacob and are going to supplant the kingdom of this world. Jacob took the place of Esau. [He was able to do this because Esau defaulted. He sold the kingdom for something as minute as a bowl of soup.] Rev 11:15 and Eph 1:21 prove that He is now in this age our King and in the coming age we will reign with Him. The reason we do not see him now physically as king is to test us to see whether we have faith or not. He wants us to worship Him in faith just as if He was here physically since His Spirit dwells in us. Then we will not shrink back when He comes. Many people will shrink back (Rom 5:3; Jms 1:2-4).

And so in Rev 11:15, the kingdom of this world is supplanted by the kingdom set up by God's authority and it becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth (Dan 2:34,35,44). The accumulated stones which were cut out and cemented together with obedience, love, the bond of peace, *became* a mountain and filled the whole earth (Rev 11:15), and the saints of the Most High receive the everlasting kingdom (Dan 7:23-27; 14:18) forever and ever. All authority was given to our Master Yahshua in order to make disciples (Mt 28:18), *in order* that men might go and make disciples who are one and who are obedient to authority (Rom 1:5). And this kingdom will never be destroyed (Dan 7:14,18) and the rulers of the nations (Rev 21:24) will bring their glory into you, into the holy city.



We can see that we are finally made into that kingdom. Our Master said He made us a kingdom of priests (Rev 1:6). He has always wanted to do this. Ex 19:6 and 1 Pet 2:5,9 says that we, the twelve tribes of Israel, are that kingdom. But how is it going to be done? It is *not* going to be done by feigned obedience, pretended obedience, ethical behaviorism, obeying but not obeying completely, for that is the spirit of lawlessness and rebellion, the same spirit Saul had and the reason why the kingdom was taken away from him. Even the elect will be deceived by it if it were possible.

**Mariola** (Ahavah Shua's younger sister) — Sometimes I had a hard time because I thought it was too much work, not enough sleep... Now I see it is rebellion in me. But all I do is nothing in comparison with our future eternal life. We do not need to taste death if we are obedient now. Now I have vision why we are suffering. Because like this I can be obedient and one day have life and enter in the kingdom with Yahshua.

**Yoceph** — Yahshua did not bring obedience to the earth with Him, but He learned obedience. David suffered much after knowing that he was the anointed one. Yahshua suffered before he could... David's suffering taught him obedience to authority. It is wonderful that we can suffer and learn obedience and obey absolutely and completely and not have feigned obedience.

**N'su** — I'm thankful for the heart of David that he obeyed to the point that he denied himself the opportunity of killing Saul. I want the heart of David to obey to the point David did. I want the suffering to work obedience in my life. I know that if I can trust when I suffer, and obey, I'm going to learn perfect obedience.

**Meshullam** — Suffering would bring us to the point of obeying completely. So that we will not see death (Jn 8:51). This suffering will make us the light to the nations. The suffering will make us obedient, which is opposite of the world. Their suffering does not accomplish anything but our suffering will bring an end to all people's suffering. My parents suffered greatly because of how the world is, the war, drugs, alcohol, everything. The final salvation of the whole world is what we bring about. Because the one who causes all suffering whether for righteousness or just suffering in vain, will be bound, and in the eighth day, there will be only one suffering and that is in the lake of fire — those who refuse to obey.

**Yochanan** — Because Messiah suffered in the flesh, we have to make up our mind to do the same thing and cease from sin. If we do this we will be purified and the Stone Kingdom will come about and be a light to the nations (1 Pet 4:1).

**Hasah ba Hagav** — Yahshua learned obedience through suffering. He had vision but He did not know how it was that our Father was going to bring about, how our Father was going to supplant Satan. He did not know whether that cup could pass Him or not but He said, “Your will, not My will.” He was tempted and tested in every way we are. That is why He is a compassionate king. He knew what David knew. He was obedient to His Father. I saw the humanity of Yahshua.

I’m excited that it has been given to the saints (Dan 7:18,27). You do not even know what you have come into. Eye has not seen nor ear heard. Our Master spoke to me very deeply in my heart 20 years ago that I could do nothing without Him and, “Whoever knows my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me and I will reveal myself to him” (Jn 14:21). We all need this revelation in our hearts. Without it we will not be able to continue on. We must cry out for it.

**Yoceph** — David obeyed the urge of God rather than the urge of the flesh. He was willing to deny himself. I was amazed to see that this was his heart. He would rather wait on our Father.

**Abigail** — Something spoke to me and I think it is going to change my life. It was about how David viewed authority. He loved authority, recognized it, submitted to it. I really have a problem submitting myself to my husband, not receiving the authority that is in him. I want to come to an end of this and respect authority, especially the authority that is in my husband directly over my life. I want to be like David and recognize authority.

## Authority, Part 9

Recognizing and honoring authority is essential for us to experience life in order that we might live and not die. Our Father wants us to live and have a heart that recognizes Him and honors Him and knows that whenever we speak against authority, we speak against Him. Even in the nations, people who recognize authority recognize God and so they can possibly be worthy of entering the nations. If a person does not recognize and honor authority, he is not fit to live to procreate descendants forever and ever (Eph 3:21); he is not worthy to continue to live a second life in the nations (Rev 21:8; 22:11). He will be judged (Rev 20:15; Jude 1:8,13-20), just as we are judged to determine whether we will live a second life in the kingdom. Therefore, we must learn obedience to authority.

Our Master Yahshua learned obedience. He did not know it until He learned it. Our children do not know how to obey until they learn obedience. Also, we must learn obedience to all authority. We have to recognize authority in every realm and every level of the Edah. Our Master learned obedience through what He suffered. The suffering He endured called for His obedience. The suffering that we must endure will call for our obedience. When our Master was born on the earth as a human being, He did not know how to obey. He had to learn to obey His parents; they had to train Him up. He did not bring obedience naturally to the earth, but He learned it through suffering. It does not matter how much we have suffered; what matters is whether we have learned obedience through our suffering. Those who learn obedience in this way will be obedient in every respect and will have their heart of stone replaced with a heart of flesh. As long as our hearts are still hard we will continue to suffer.

Suffering brings about a soft and obedient heart. The rebellious will go on with a hard heart forever and ever. Even though they acknowledge Yahshua as Sovereign, they will go on being rebellious (Rev 22:11). Our Master learned obedience by going through

suffering after suffering after suffering unto death. We learn the way He learned. He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him the way He obeyed the Father in heaven (1 Jn 2:4-6; Heb 5:9; Acts 5:31-32; John 14:15-17,21,23,24,26; 16:7).

### **Occurrences of Authority in the Old Testament**

Lev 10:1-2 — Aharon was the high priest. He was the one in authority because he had authority delegated to him. Nadab and Abihu offered *unauthorized fire*, strange fire to the Sovereign. The fire they offered was contrary to His command, so fire came out from His presence and consumed them.

Nadab and Abihu served as priests. They were priests as we are all priests. They belonged to the family which God had chosen since they were chosen in Aharon's family. Aharon was the chief; the anointing oil had been poured out on his head; he had received the anointing. His sons were his helpers, serving in obedience to authority. They were not to serve in their own initiative, independent of Aharon. They were under authority, in obedience, as we are, as our children are. We come when we are called and go where we are sent. All else is lawlessness, not paying attention to the Word. Independent action in the Body is lawlessness. There is no independent action in your hand or little finger apart from the order of the head. This is how God created man. He is going to bring all men back into obedience but first He has to bring His people into obedience to His headship (verse 8).

As high priest, Aharon offered sacrifices and his sons were at his side helping him. If Aharon made no move, his sons made no move. There was no independent action apart from the head. Everything began with Aharon who was the head. If his sons were to have offered sacrifices by themselves, they would be offering unauthorized fire because it was not under delegated authority. And this is what they did. They thought they could offer sacrifices by themselves without Aharon ordering, commanding them to. The meaning of *strange fire* here is to serve without an order, just as Christians serve

without an order, not under headship, not under authority, doing whatever they think God's will is. But we do not function that way, doing what is right in our own eyes. Before we were in the Body, we did what seemed right to us, but the end of that way is death.

Nadab and Abihu had watched their father offer sacrifices. They thought it was a simple thing, just bringing in some fire. They thought they could do it themselves. They failed to see that Aharon represented God's authority. They did this at the cost of their own lives. They failed to recognize who represented God's authority. They failed to distinguish between the flesh and the spirit. Judgment will come someday to whatever we did in the Body, whether we were obedient to authority or not, whether we received authority or not.

Mal 3:3 — We are going to be purged until we offer acceptable sacrifices — until they are authorized, until we are obedient to authority, until our Father can have a royal priesthood of true Levites (Mal 2:4-9). We are all learning how to offer authorized fire. Our Master offered authorized services and ministry. If it is not authorized, it is not acceptable; it is like offering a sick animal (Mal 1:6-10; 12-14 — contrast with verses 11 and 5).

Strange fire originates from man alone. If our fire originates from man only and not from delegated authority (from God), our sacrifice is not acceptable. When we are not purged from the flesh in serving, we serve to our own glory or to gain recognition for ourselves and not to bring glory and recognition to the head. But the hand has no need of recognition and glory. The glory goes to the head who is befitting of the glory (Jn 7:18). The one who is sent does not seek his own glory but the glory of the one who sent him and delegated his authority to him. Only through a person like this can you receive our Master and therefore be reconciled to the Father. The Holy Spirit cannot be communicated through someone who seeks his own glory. Even singing does not minister if it is done in the flesh. The flesh profits nothing. Only what is done in the

Spirit profits. Our Master taught us this in John 17 when He showed us true obedience. The Spirit cooperated willingly with Him because He loved the commander. Our Master loved the One who gave the command. He willingly obeyed the Father. Those to whom He gives His authority obey Him only because they love Him. Any obedience that does not come through love is forced; we do not want this kind of obedience. Those who love Him will obey Him.

Unauthorized fire does not require knowing the will of God. Rom 12:2 talks about a person who knows the will of God. Knowing the will of God requires the annihilation of our own sovereignty. Our Father does not grant it to anyone to know His will unless he has surrendered his own sovereignty. He does not disclose His will unless he is in obedience and accord as in Rom 12, without wanting recognition and glory for himself (Dan 12:2,3,10). In the judgment at the last day, those who are true and those who are not will be recognized. There will be a great difference between those who know the will of God and those who do not, between those who are in obedience and those who are obeying, but not out of love.

Strange fire does not require obeying authority because you do not know authority. Many people can feign obedience for a while out of their own zeal but will not stand the great testing. Nadab and Abihu worked independent from God's authority. Our Father wanted Nadab and Abihu to serve *under* Aharon's authority. He gave authority to Aharon. Aharon's sons were to work under authority and know and meet authority as we do with husbands, elders, parents, training teachers, crew heads, everyone in the Body.

God Himself inspects the nature of the fire offered up to Him. He looks at our singing, our voices, our breaking of bread, all of our service offered in the Body. He inspects the fire. Anything that is done in rebellion changes the nature of the fire. Such work which is not commanded by God (just as the work which was not commanded by Aharon) is strange. God did not *recognize* it as something that came from Him. He did not recognize it. It was not done in obedience to Him out of their love for Him. It was

done in their own initiative, for their own glory. Our Father wants (in order for the Stone Kingdom to be raised up) recognition of authority until the year of Jubilee. We must not be indifferent or rebellious to authority, elders, husbands, etc., or to the words of the prophets. We must follow; we are sheep, not striving for a position in the Body, but always maintaining a minor role (Mt 19:30; 20:16; Mk 10:31; Lk 13:30). Our Father will select leaders. They will know, love, and be obedient to authority just as Aharon and Moses followed God. Our Master has been delegated all authority in heaven and on earth and He gives it to whomever He chooses. To speak against that authority is to speak against God, and if you do that you will die. Our Father will make this more and more clear to us as we go on.

Ps 15 — Who may dwell in the kingdom? He whose walk is blameless and does what is righteous and speaks truth from his heart, who is not a hypocrite, who does his neighbor no wrong because he knows they are created in the image of God who despises vile, worthless, rebellious, foolish, arrogant, proud men who are beyond redemption because they are despicable to God as well. But He honors those who fear the Lord (vile men do not fear Him), who keep their word even when it hurts them, who lend their money without interest. [We teach our children not to associate with other children who do things — anything — that their parents would not want them to do. They are to go right to their parents and tell them. They are to have nothing to do with a vile person who does not fear his parents.]

Nadab and Abihu were out of order. They became vile so God destroyed them. They were out of coordination with Aharon and so rebelled against him. Those who violate authority will be consumed by God. We know that all Christianity is going to be consumed by fire forever and ever with all of those who despise authority. [Aharon wanted to grieve over the death of his sons but he was not supposed to even shed a tear over them because he was high priest.]

Moses came to realize how serious it is to speak against delegated authority. There is a reviling of authority by Aharon and Miriam in Numbers 12: Miriam was the instigator of speaking against Moses' delegated authority, but Aharon was in on it also. That sin incurs divine wrath, which comes upon people who come against God's authority. Miriam and Aharon were not happy about their brother marrying the Cushite, the Ethiopian woman, and they spoke against him. Moses had married this woman (a daughter of Châm) because he was not in Israel; he was out of his land for 40 years and there was not anyone else to marry. We will do the same if we are in a situation like this. Under normal circumstances, he should not have married a daughter of Châm, but since Moses was in the desert for 40 years, this was acceptable to God.

When Miriam opened her mouth to speak against Moses in Num 12:2 and 8, she touched something. It was just like when David touched the hem of Saul's robe and because of it his heart smote him. She touched the work of God; she brought it down — not building but tearing down. She was speaking from the evil one, challenging the position of Moses. Miriam and Aharon spoke against Moses. They asked, "Has not the Lord spoken through us as well?" Certainly the Lord *had* spoken through them, but Moses was different from them (verse 18). God had entrusted His delegated authority to Moses. We see this in the work of Moses, delivering the children of Israel from Egypt. God sent Moses to lead them, but Miriam despised his leadership and so came directly against God. It was just like spitting in His face. Miriam and Aharon did not judge themselves and were therefore judged by God. We must judge ourselves in everything. If not, we will be judged.

Spiritual authority is not gotten by striving and effort but is given to whom He chooses. Natural authority is gotten by striving and working for it. Spiritual authority is given for obedience. We have to be aware of ourselves lest we offend God's authority. Rebellion is manifested in leprosy. Like a leper, you should let your hair down loose so you do not talk to someone and defile them. Many people considered themselves



obedient to God, but at the same time knew nothing of being subject to God's delegated authority. They never came to know Him in that way. We are to obey delegated authority in every circumstance in the Edah (Heb 13:17).

Num 12:8-12 — Why were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses? That is a provocative question.

Why did she not remember it? Why did she not confess it? She did not recognize soon enough; there was something lacking in her. She was standing on natural ground, not spiritual (1 Cor 3:1). If she could conceive rebellion in her (for to speak against authority proves that there was a rebellious nature in her), then special attention is to be paid to such a person. Watch her; keep an eye on her (Tit 3:10; 2 Ths 3:14). The spirit in Miriam was rebellious and would show in unguarded moments when something affected her that was very dear to her (her family).

There are some who speak against elders and those above them and do not recognize the seriousness of it. From now on in the edah, those who speak against authority in the edah are to be recognized as leprous. This is a matter of great concern because it is a matter of God's instituted authority. Whoever has died on account of this now knows the seriousness of that which he did not judge and now sees it as God sees it and will be disciplined accordingly so that he can enter the Holy City. However, we know that it is no use praying for such a person, for you cannot pray someone out of purgatory. Whoever has died now sees his rebellious or secret words as sin that God condemns, even the ones he spoke in his own tent. For while he thought no one else was watching, God heard it and cut him off. These secret words come out of the overflow of the heart. If they are in the heart and not judged, it will come out sooner or later and God will hear it. That is why we must be in constant communion with the Sovereign (1 Jn 3:6). If you are abiding in Him, rebellious words will not come out of your mouth.



## Authority, Part 10

### The Importance of the Rod

The reason that we discipline with the balloon stick or reed-like rod is because both parents can use it equally as well. It does not require physical strength like a paddle does. The pain of disciplining someone with a big paddle varies with the strength of the user, but the rod administers pain no matter who uses it. The goal of discipline is not to beat the child into submission using brute force, which could be abusive. However, the rod is an instrument that just causes a surface pain (not injuring the child), which goes deep into the child, right to the heart, like electricity. A balloon stick or reed-like rod does not cause lasting damage or injury. It merely causes pain to the layer of skin closest to the surface, which is the most sensitive because all the nerve endings are there. The only way to stop this pain is to submit. [If you were not disciplined as a child, then none of the rebellion has been removed from your heart. Those who have been disciplined as children in the world have a greater chance to go to the nations because some of their rebellion is dealt with.]

Our Father knows what He is doing. His ways are perfect, whether He is designing the universe or the rod. The goal of the rod *is to break the willful resistance of a child's rebellion, which would take him to the second death*. That is why a parent who loves his children disciplines them. Parents must teach their children about our Father's design of the rod as a symbol of their right to rule. The rod has great power to keep our children from getting into greater ungodliness so they will not enter an insane asylum someday, or kill someone or go to jail or become homosexual, etc., etc., etc. God's word says that the rod is a symbol of parents' right to rule. Our children should know that we are as willing to obey God's word to discipline them as we expect them to be obedient to our word. Our obedience is in order to bring about the Male Child, to bring His purpose.

2 Sam 7:14; Pr 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15; Heb 12:6-7

The earlier a child is brought under control, the better he will be trained. Also, there is a time when it is too late. If the parent withholds discipline there will be negative results. Discipline is necessary in order to be trained away from foolishness. If our Father did not discipline us with His rod, we would not be turned away from foolishness. Worldly thought today is against child discipline. This is perverted and will lead people to the second death because of their rebellion against God. Never before in history were people discouraged from disciplining their children. Heb 12:7 — What parent does not discipline his child? Only the parents of a child who was merely propagated, but not fathered, brought in, brought up, for discipline with the rod is an expression of love (Pr 13:24).

Pr 10:13; 19:29; 26:3 — The rod is for the back.

Discipline should be administered on the bare bottom for younger children, using a reed-like rod. For older children and youth, a larger diameter rod may be needed to produce the same effect through one or more layers of clothing (whatever discretion calls for). The objective of discipline is not to cause pain, stripes, tears or sorrow, but, through the pain, to bring a child's will under control. It is not to break his spirit, but his willful disobedience to God's word. The rod causes a child to choose obedience over rebellion. We have to learn obedience. God's word commands that children are to obey their parents. Parents are to enforce God's word.

Knowing this is going to be necessary in the future. Because of the satanic principle the world is under, we will have to defend ourselves. We have to know that authority is the lawful right to enforce obedience. It is legal power, as rulers and governors have legal power (Acts 23:24,26).

### **Scriptures Concerning Authority:**

- ✓ Mt 10:18 talks about rulers;
- ✓ In Gen 1:26,31 we see authority delegated to man;

- ✓ In Mt 8:9 and Rom 13 we see authority delegated to agents of the state;
- ✓ In 1 Cor 14:35; 11:3; 1 Pet 3:5 we see authority delegated to husbands;
- ✓ In Eph 6:1 and Col 3:20 we see authority delegated to parents;
- ✓ In Acts 26:10,12; Heb 13:17; 2 Cor 10:8; Tit 2:15; Rom 1:5; 1 Cor 4:20 we see authority delegated to elders, leaders, apostles, etc;
- ✓ In Rev 2:26 we see authority delegated to the saints;
- ✓ Authority is for protection (Heb 13:17) and instruction (1 Pet 5:2-3);
- ✓ Mt 28:18 and 8:5-13 shows the authority of Messiah;
- ✓ Obedience to authority is for the testimony to unbelievers (1 Pet 3:13-15; 1 Tim 6:1).

### **Scriptures Concerning the Rule of Law**

Law is the authoritative rule of conduct by which judgment is determined or made. Judgment is determined based on law.

- ✓ In Lk 20:22 we see the law of man: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s”;
- ✓ We see the natural law written on the heart of natural man in Rom 2:13, which determines the standard by which a person is judged as to whether or not he will inherit the nations;
- ✓ We see the Law of Moses in Gal 3:17-21;
- ✓ We see the entire Old Testament regarded as law in Jn 10:34-35 (the entire Old Testament is the law by which we live);
- ✓ Rom 7:2-9 says the law is the expression of God’s will;
- ✓ Rom 3:27-31 says the law is upheld by faith; faith establishes the law — it is set up by faith (not done away with);
- ✓ The purpose of the law is in Rom 3:20 — to bring about the knowledge of sin; the wages of breaking the law is death;
- ✓ Rom 7:12 speaks about God’s righteousness in the Law;

- ✓ Gal 3:24 shows that the purpose of the law is to *lead* one to Messiah;
- ✓ Gal 4:4 shows Messiah's relationship to the law;
- ✓ Mt 5:7-48 and 12:1-14 speak about the proper meaning of the law, what murder is, Messiah's relation to the law, which redeems those who sin from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13);
- ✓ The law is fulfilled in us who are in Messiah and walk by the Spirit;
- ✓ Rom 8:4; 6:14; Mt 5:17-19; Rom 13:8-10; 2 Cor 3:3-11 — Shows the purpose of the law, the authoritative rule of conduct by which people are judged.

What is *law less ness*? Lawlessness is living by an unlawful power, such as in the flesh. The flesh has no more legal authority over us. Satan has no more legal right or authority to force obedience (Rom 6).

Mt 7:21-23 speaks about acts not initiated by the Spirit, which we have to answer for someday. 2 Cor 5:10 speaks about acts we have done by the Spirit or by the flesh (which has already been crucified) — unauthorized deeds. We are going to be judged by whether we lived by the Spirit or the flesh (Rom 6:12-13).

### **The Law and Capital Punishment**

The law was written in the Old Covenant and has been initiated in the nations. Gen 9:6 was the law for the nations and Israel adopted that law for themselves. If you do anything against another person, you come against God Himself — His image. This is what you do if you do or think evil, hurt or strike, be selfish to, and especially if you take the life of another human being. Num 35:16-34 — We can forever support capital punishment in the nations. From Mt 5:21 (Dt 5:17; 16:18; Ex 20:13) we see that it can be that if you hate your brother and show hostility to him, you *can*, after judgment, be put outside the edah (Mt 5:21,22; 1 Jn 3:15). Bloodshed pollutes the land (verse 33). The whole land becomes polluted. Capital punishment is the only way that the

defilement is taken away. Any land that does not enforce capital punishment is defiled, polluted. That is why the stone has to be dropped on them eventually (Rev 17:14).

Gen 9:6 has to be enforced by legal authority. Any branch of government that does not believe in capital punishment is lawless in that aspect because they go against the law of God (that goes for their voters also). Their land is defiled; it is fit for destruction. Their policies go against the image of God. No atonement can be made for that land. They are making way for the age of lawlessness that is coming in.

Ps 15 — The ones who inherit the kingdom are blameless. We have to be blameless even in the way we *think*. Everything has to be rectified, made in order, put back in order, set in order. All of the aberrations in your mind have to be dealt with so your mind can be made back into the image of God (2 Cor 5:15-17).

Authority is the legal power to require and receive submission. There is a physical rod and a spiritual rod. The rod is going to be used against all rebellion in our lives. Rev 2:26 speaks about you. You will rule the nations with a rod of iron if you learn obedience, recognize authority and honor authority, which is honoring our Master Yahshua.

### Comments — Authority 9 and Authority 10

**Meshullam** — Strange fire is unauthorized deeds, not being covered. The way we will be protected from this is seeking covering. As we seek covering we learn what our Father's will is about what we want to do. If my covering says, "No, don't fix this now," then it is not our Father's will. If I would just do it, it might look good, but it is an unauthorized deed, strange fire.

**Derush** — It spoke to me that our Master said, "If you love Me you will obey Me." One of my children ran out into the street and I took him into the house and disciplined him and it went right to his heart because he knew I was trying to save his life and he received it and loved me for it. We know delegated authority stands in the place of the one who delegated the authority. If you love the one who gave him the authority, you will love the one who has the delegated authority. And know that his intention is

kindness toward us. The whole law is kindness toward man. Submitting to delegated authority is loving the one who loves us. If you love delegated authority you are loving our Master the same as if He were here Himself.

**Beruchah** — It struck me to see the difference between authority gained by strife and authority given by our Father. It is true that in the Edah, authority only comes from our Father. I'm thankful to have these words because I can feel a fear coming to me to have a proper respect for authority and my brothers and sisters in every aspect — all delegated authority from God.

**Jehu** — We grew up in a society that does not respect authority. There is no reason to not respect authority in the edah because there is no one who has it because they strove for it. There was no reason they should judge Moshe. He was a humble man. But there was something in their heart. A man who is put in authority by our Father, to speak against him is a very serious thing.

**Caleb David** — If you strive for authority it is clear that you seek for your own glory. True justice cannot be administered by someone seeking his own glory (Ps 15). In a critical situation he will try to save his own skin. Our Father's authority is *given* authority. Moses did not defend himself because he was not seeking his own glory. Our Father defended him.

**Haggai** — Our Father is giving His authority to make Himself known. He gave authority to Yahshua and we can know Him through Yahshua. That was the purpose of giving it to Him. The purpose of our Father's delegated authority in the edah is so we can know Him more. No one wants authority for himself. If he does, he will not work for the Body, only for himself. A hand cannot continue on serving the whole body by itself. We have to want to represent *His* authority, wanting His authority to be known on the earth. It is good to want His authority to rule and reign with Him. That is His authority his glory. Good authority is expressed through love.

**Ben Nabi** — Our Father did not speak these words to condemn us but so we would understand his ways and how he is building his kingdom. I see the importance that we would receive his authority on every level. Miriam and Aharon recognized Moses according to the flesh (Jn 11:49-52). We do not recognize each other according to the flesh anymore. If his love compels us we are going to be able to see His authority. If we judge according to the flesh we will not be able to use his authority. Moses was not a man of great speech. We need to recognize authority and see the



spirit and not judge our covering or elders or anyone according to the flesh but truly see the authority our Father has given.

**Caleb David** — That is true. You could have thought it was totally out of order, what Moses did. You could have judged him even if you were a little bit dull. Because it was not really lawful what he did, but they really had to be in the Spirit. Our covering may make a decision that does not seem so right to our natural understanding but we still have to receive him and respect his authority.

**Yonah** — When Moses went to that land he never expected to be able to return. Our Father, knowing he had married this woman, sent him to deliver the people of Israel. That should have settled it in the minds of Aharon and Miriam, but it didn't.

**Obadiah** — The reason that it says in Acts 2:43 that they were of one heart and mind is because fear was in every one. The fear of the Father is clean. It is a fear that makes you submit yourself willingly. That is the result of the fear of the Lord. In Jer 32:39, the heart and way He gave them is that they would fear Him always. He gave them a heart that would fear Him and submit to one another. That is the one heart and mind. If his glory is upon you then you always strive for unity (John 17), speaking to each other, submitting yourselves to one another. If His glory is upon someone they will have a spirit of submission. Blessed is the man who fear always but he who hardens his heart ...(Pr 28:14). Eze 11:19; 36:26 — he will give them a heart of flesh. In that proverb it is clear that fearing Him is having a heart that recognizes his delegated authority. He will take away the heart of stone. For many of us it comes through much discipline because we grew up in a very rebellious time. But the fear of our Father is clean. Our Master submitted Himself, laid down His life on His own initiative (2 Sam 23:3-4). Ps 14 — The fool says there is no God. If we do not recognize his delegated authority it is like acting foolishly, not recognizing Him. Our Father's authority is like the light of the morning exposes everything but also full of warmth — whoever has a tender heart will grow up — *spring* up. That is the only way we can know our Father is to receive His authority. Moses could be used because he received God's authority.

**D'rorah** — The authority our Father gives to us saves our life because there is also another way that seems logical but that leads to death. But this delegated authority does not let go in this way just like the father did not let his child go out in the road in front of a truck. I'm thankful to recognize this because I have problems with authority. I can be thankful for

authority and see how important it is and love it. [This was from the first fruit of the liberation of East Germany.]

**Ben Nabi**y — As long as we seek our own glory we continue in the same way as Satan started out before he was cast out of heaven. He had authority — a tremendous position, but he wanted to bring glory to himself. If we are driven by the same motivation, we are still full of his blood poison, wanting to elevate ourselves. All his authority was taken away because he was against the purpose of our Father, which was to make *Yahshua* preeminent. We honor the head to bring honor to *Yahshua*. I want to hate to do *anything* to bring glory to myself but only to our Master who is worthy of all honor and glory.

**Haggai** — I saw the difference between Satan and our Master that even when all authority is given to *Yahshua*, our Master, He is going to give back His authority to our Father at the end of the seventh day. That is what he came for. Satan brought disorder, but our Master is going to bring it back to our Father.

**ha-êmeq** — Our Father heard it in heaven when Miriam and Aharon said that. Because her intent was to tear down the work our Father was trying to do. He is trying to do something through his authority and so he guards over the authority he put here on earth. Do not curse the king even in your thoughts. Ecc 10:20 — Some mosquito might go tell the matter. There is no place that is hidden. He hears even our thoughts because it tears down what he is trying to do.

**Kepha** — Rev 5:13 — I want to be one of those who says this being ruled by love, not just because no one will be able to deny it one day, but I want to be ruled by His love.

**Yonah** — It is really obvious to me that the nations must deal with murderers or else the land will be polluted; that is the reason the nations must deal with people in such a severe way, is because to deliberately murder someone is the highest act of rebellion against the image of God. In the nations, to tolerate that, would be guilt by association. To allow persons to come against God in such a way will destroy that nation. It will bring about such disorder to allow that evil in the land, leaving no room for God's people to dwell. If that had happened 200 years ago, there would be no way we could live by our conscience in any land. We must pray that the law would be honored. Any place where God is not honored there is chaos. For parents to tolerate rebellion in their children, the same kind of disaster comes (2 Ths 3:14). Take note of these... But if we as a people do

not take note of those who speak rebelliously against authority and do not obey what is said in this letter and continue to have a normal relationship as if we have fellowship with that person, then it is going to decay the Body and every manner of evil will be in us and will destroy the Body. There is a law for their nations so that their land will not be cursed, the law for parents so that shame will not come on them, and the law for us as a Body to have salt so that evil will not be tolerated so that we can continue to flourish and do our Father's will.

**Meshullam** — If we submit to one another and love authority, then unity will be kept and this is the way the stone is going to be formed. The nations are trained in lawlessness and so will receive the man of lawlessness. The elect will not be deceived because they are lawful, obey, and love authority, not lawlessness. The stone is...

**Yoneq** — The antithesis of lawlessness is the stone.

**N'su** — The fire of our Father purifies a person to make his heart tender. Our Father was purifying His people, Israel, His dwelling place. Our Father purifies our hearts, His dwelling place, that we would be pure where He dwells inside of us. Mal 3:3. I want to be meek like Moses, who was purified by the suffering he went through. I'm thankful for the fire of our Father that gives us fear but also hope that we are going to be purified.