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Fear of Death

Dear Derush,

Hi. It's me again. I learned a bit of a lesson a few weeks ago and I'm going to tell you about it. I figured you would be able to pass on the part that Yoneq shared. (You'll see what I mean.)

It was preparation day, two weeks ago, and my typewriter was in Pau at the IBM repair shop. So after doing some household cleaning, as I usually do on preparation day, I had some time to do other things like organizing, mending, etc., etc. And so as the afternoon wore on, I thought about stopping, but it felt so good to get all these things done, so I kept going. Soon it was 5:00 and we gather at Tabitha's Place at 6:00. "I'll just finish this one last thing," I thought, "I'll make it." So at 5:45 I finally made it back to my room, ready to take a shower. I knew I was cutting it close, but I decided to take it anyway. "Everybody is probably just standing around talking anyway. The prophets don't even start speaking till close to 7:00," I thought to myself.

So at 6:30 I was finally finished and I left the Yellow House to go to Tabitha's Place, praying that our Father would somehow bring me into His rest and that I would hear the prophets — even that He would circumcise my heart because I wanted to totally obey Him.

When I arrived at Tabitha's Place, I could only hear one person talking — it was Yoneq. He had been teaching for quite a while before I got there. My heart sank. I was late and I missed it. My mending had been more important to me at the time, but now I was late and I missed the teaching. I put importance on the wrong thing.

And no one was taking notes. After a little while I got a piece of paper and a pen and started writing some things down, but I knew I had missed most of it already. I felt like this blank piece of paper where our Father had spoken and I was not there to hear it or write it. [Note: the next three pages were intentionally left blank in Bakhirah's original letter.]

Yoneq was talking about — the fear of death, of being cut off. (I knew I hadn't feared.) He was also talking about observing His message, the message He has given. We are going to show Christianity the outcome of obeying the Messiah. Do you know His Word? Do you care what it says? From now on you are going to care because if you don't know, you're going to die.

If you were a disciple of a guru, you would make sure that you knew his words so you could carry them out — follow them to the letter.

Well, here it is. You don't have to dig it up in a cave somewhere. We've got to be the best disciples who've ever lived. There's something about being a disciple of a guru — a spirit about it. Well, there's also a Spirit about being a disciple of Yahshua. I want to make the whole world jealous. I want to be the most obedient people on the face of the earth. I want to see God magnified — lifted up. His Name is going to be that way. We are going to make it that way.

So, the prophets start speaking at the first star. If you want to fellowship, get here at twilight. The multitudes of Yahshua's disciples left Him because they didn't have any revelation — there was no communication going on with them. He asked, "You want to leave too?" But you are the only one who has the words that, if we obey them, we will never die — you have the words of life (Jn 6:68).

The Sabbath is a sign that we are a nation that belongs to Yahweh. May we live or perish by this. The Word is always life or death. When you hear it, you are always responsible for it. It produces life or death. So, let's live. From now on we're going to be responsible to get here before the first star. Better look out the window. If you see the first star, you're late — you missed what the prophets said.

The more you continue in His Word, the more your life is demanded — so your fellowship either deepens or dissolves. The truth will set you free from anything that causes death — because it exposes everything that causes death. If you get in there (in His Word) and look at it, you'll see, "If I don't shape up in this, I'll see death." You can't plead ignorance and say I didn't know. He'll say, "Well, you weren't looking in My Word. You weren't listening in the teachings." So, we know something that we must know before the race begins. We ought to be thrilled at the sight of the first star — that a new day is beginning. Because it's a shadow of things to come — the millennial reign of Messiah.

Every time we look in the New Testament we don't see anything but good news. Why did they call it good news? It's the way out of death!

Haggai: He shared that he was thankful we had the Word. Because it's like if you were lost in the forest and you found a map of how to get out, you would look at it very carefully and want to follow it exactly at each little place — indication — making sure you went the right way so you could make it there. And we have the Word — like a map — if we follow each word, it's all the indications of how to make it to the kingdom. I'm thankful for the Word.

Jn 8:51 is the gospel of the kingdom. Paul preached both: the gospel of grace and then he preached the gospel of the kingdom. He preached the gospel of grace, the gospel of salvation — once. Then, to the Edahs, the rest of the time, he spoke of how to get into the kingdom. (We have to see the difference between the two.)

Everyone is going to die if they don't love the word. We ought to pray, “Father, show me what I'm not observing of your words so that I won't see death.”

Yoceph: Read in Dt 30: Today I have set before you life or death ... Our Father wanted to train them that they would observe every word. But they didn't and so they saw death.

Tonight, we are hearing the very words that, if we observe them, we will not see death. Our Father wants us to have life. He told them what to do to see life. He's telling us. It causes something in my heart to not want to be dull to what He's saying here.

Ben Nabi: It says our Father takes no pleasure in the death of anyone — that everybody could receive both the gospel of grace and the gospel of the kingdom, that His purpose could come about.

He has given us eternal life forever and ever. But now He has given us His word to obey and keep us from having to experience any death before we get there. He's given us the map of how to get there. Positionally we are seated with Him, by His grace. But now we've got His words to follow. In order to get eternal life, we didn't have to do anything. It's only after we are saved from the Lake of Fire that we can go into His word and observe.

Bakhirah: [Then, convicted even more now, I stood up.] I'm thankful for what I heard tonight because I don't want to die. I was late tonight and missed most of what was spoken. I don't want to take it lightly that we gather at a certain time. And now, even, I hear that we won't be able to just look at the clock, but we will have to be watching out — aware of when the time is approaching for us to be gathered together. I don't want to take it lightly that we gather together to enter the Sabbath. I'm sorry I was late.

A little later, Yoneq also talked about the 70s — how people would just pile in to hear the Word. He said he wished it was the 70s again so we could do that; but Ha-Emeq had told him that the 70s hadn't reached France yet. He expressed faith about having a place where people could come in and we could just share and share His Word with them. And he said that the holy angels are going to be sent out to bring it about. And God is going to create that hunger in people's hearts to hear His Word.

Yoneq also gave a word of instruction: If we are a caring community of people, if we are the Body of Messiah, if we care about our brother and sister and they are on a waiting period, then we will ask them about it.

If we didn't care enough about their waiting period and care enough to find out if they really love each other — and then let them get married and they are in prison for the rest of their lives, grinding their teeth — in the deepest darkest dungeon they could be in (that's what it is like if you are married to someone you do not love) — then we certainly would not be loving them if we were not concerned enough and we let that happen.

That is how we know we are not in death anymore, because we love them enough to care about them and ask. If we are not, then evidently, death still reigns in us. Invite them for family night or a Sabbath meal (Sabbath Pie). Tahar Takif and Talmidah have been on a waiting period for ten weeks and only a few people have invited them and asked them how it was going.

You cannot give an “Amen” unless you know (you've asked, you've heard them). When you say “Amen,” when we say “Amen,” it ties them forever. It is not the Body if you are not caring enough about their relationship. She might be crying, wondering why no one asks about it.

This is so we can be instructed on what is required of us.

[Then Tahar Takif and Talmidah expressed their hearts — their desire to be married to each other.]

Yoneq said that he didn't know if we were worthy to give them an "Amen." We will talk to them again after this week.

[Then two wives spoke for their relationship.]

Yoneq said it was good they expressed their hearts, but that it should be under the headship of their husbands — bringing the same mind of their husbands about this.

Later Caleb David shared about what Yoneq had talked about (what I missed). He said that: A disciple is one who obeys his master's commands. People follow gurus from the east and hang on their every word (and we have the greatest guru).

If you heard that there were ancient writings hidden in a cave with a recipe of how not to taste death, you would go in there and dig and dig and dig to try to find it. ANYTHING to find out what it said — how to not ever taste death — the first or the second death for disciples. But we have it right here. And if we obey our Master's word (Jn 8:51), we do not ever have to taste death. Death is more horrible than any horror movie you have ever seen (Heb 10:29-31).

But, we can only obey with grace and the Holy Spirit. There were many Christian movements who tried to obey in the past, but they ended up killing people to defend themselves. Of course, the Word says not to take a sword against anyone. And they divided. And the Word says don't divide.

We have to continue in His Word (Jn 8:51). The NKJ version says we must observe His word. Watch attentively. Adhere to. Abide by.

We will be able, one day, to show Christianity where they don't obey the Word because they cannot. We have to obey His word about the Shabbat or we will be cut off. We have to find out and read all about the Shabbat. From now on till the end of the age we will gather at twilight and the prophets will speak as soon as the first star shows. So if you are walking down here and you see the first star, you know you are late. If you want to fellowship, come here at twilight. At the sign of the first star, the prophets will speak. No more than three prophets will speak.

Also, Hebrews 4:1 — we have to have a fear of death. Some people do not have this fear. You went beyond this fear and it's too late for you.

Ha-Emeq: Was saying afterwards that people who follow a guru — if their guru said something, one person would say to another, "You know what he said?" "No, what did he say? Tell me!" "He said just like this, he said, if someone needs something, and you have it, you should give it to them!" "Wow, really? He said that? Wow!" But today, people treat Yahshua's words like junk food.

Well, I'm thankful I was able to repent. And I hope I was able to pass on at least some of what our Father spoke.

I knew that if I didn't say something I wouldn't be able to. I'm thankful our Father speaks to me. I'm thankful that we really don't have to experience death — not if we obey His Word. I know I'm blessed to be able to hear His word and to even type, etc., the teachings that come to us. I want my heart to be truly turned to Him. And receive the wonderful salvation He has for me. And pay attention to what He wants — His appointed time (not my mending at His appointed time).

I'm thankful for forgiveness — for salvation.

With love,
Bakhirah