

He Disciplines the Son He Loves

The Story of Balaam

Ha-Emeq told the story of Balaam when he was called upon by King Balak to curse the Israelites. YHWH said do not go, but Balaam wanted the riches and then YHWH said OK go, but only say what I tell you. But YHWH was angry with him that he went and on the way an angel tried to kill him, but Balaam's faithful donkey ducked away from the angel. His donkey could see the spiritual world. When Balaam got to Balak, though, he could not curse the Israelites as the king had asked. He could only bless them (Num 23 & 24). But Balaam loved riches; he was greedy so he did not totally obey YHWH. But Balaam saw the stone far away.

Yoneq asked who that prophecy was about.

Someone answered: the male child, because it says they are blameless.

Yoneq said that that was true, but it is about us also, because the male child does not just appear — we bring about the male child.

One Will be Taken

Then Yoneq spoke about Mt 24. There will be two men in the field — one will be taken and one will be left; and two women grinding at the mill — one will be taken and one will be left. Who will be taken and who left? When He comes, those who are confident, eagerly waiting for Him will jump up to Him. They will be eager and confident to jump; they want to jump — not shrink back. Sometimes we shrink back from our brothers. If we are not walking in the light and someone comes who is, you do not necessarily feel like being around them; you shrink back from them.

Isaac, who lives in Lancaster, when we were in Tennessee would leave every time we would give him a new pair of boots. Then one time when he got a new pair of boots he left and was gone for a long while and during that time we all left Tennessee and moved to Vermont. He was working for someone and was out working in a field and fell off a tractor and it crushed his arm and ribs. Our Father had to kill him to let him know that he was a son. We called him Isaac because it was like he died like Isaac, but then his life was spared. He was the one who said that one time, that only those who can *jump* to be with Him will go with Him. It is not a physical jumping, that word is used just for the effect.

That is to give illustration why some will be taken and others not. In the wilderness, some started beating fellow servants ... with their tongues. It was not obvious to everyone, but it was obvious to our Master. They were not speaking words to one another as they would speak to Yahshua. We must be kind to each other in every respect. Sometimes you beat your brother and no one sees you. But Yahshua sees you and the holy angels too; and you will go with the unbelievers — you will not be honored to be the stone. If you spoke words to your brother or sister that you would not have spoken to Yahshua. If you treated your brother or sister differently than you would treat Yahshua. If you do that you do not discern the Body. People will be left behind who belong to Yahshua but have to be corrected for that attitude. We have to be corrected for that attitude now. We do not want to miss that time — like the foolish virgins. We want to have oil in our lamps and extra oil with us. We want to have the grace of the Spirit and be kind, gentle, self-controlled — the fruit of the Spirit. It is serious.

If we were to die in our sleep tonight or in an accident, we must be living in such a way that we should go to be with Yahshua. Absent from the body — present with Yahshua. Haggai did not have confidence even though you might not have known that because of all that he did in the Body. But what was going on inside of him? So this is how we are all to be ready for Him, for we do not know when He is coming.

Nathaniel Kirby had an accident and the doctors tried to keep him alive by various methods, but finally he had a heart attack and died. He is not with our Master; he is under correction right now because he had a critical spirit. No matter of discipline in the Body could take it away from him. He was always complaining — criticizing. He was not kind to his brothers. He was more concerned about hurting the is tools and messing them up than about hurting a brother's feelings. This is why he is under correction.

That is why, before breaking of bread, we have to judge ourselves or we will be judged (1 Cor 11:27-32). If we

have an attitude in us about someone coming to us to tell us what we are overlooking in our children, then we are not ready to be with Him. We have to receive them like we would receive Yahshua if he came to tell us something about our children. We are certainly not ready to go be with Him if we are not receiving Him. The reason for this is that it is because of these attitudes in us that keep us from entering the land. The people Balaam saw did not enter the land. It was the ones who finally learned from the mistakes of their forefathers. Balaam's prophesies are all concerning us. We will be that righteous people who live by the Spirit, overcome all opposition, accusations, intimidation, fears — anything that has ever held anyone back. If we are really doing something about these maladies and confessing — them, then we can partake in this bread tonight. If we are not trying to do anything — not judging it — then we are not worthy to partake. But if we are confessing, asking the Holy Spirit to help us to resist it, then we are worthy. If we have it, know about it, and are not doing anything about it, are not judging the things that we know beset us, if we are not laying them aside (it is something that we have to do), humbling ourselves, then He will come and humble us. We must humble ourselves, but if we will not do it, then He will do it for us. He has ways. A tractor ran on top of Isaac, crushing him, but he want us to humble *ourselves*. He has ways of humbling His children if we will not humble ourselves. Jehu — I know the Father is humbling me. I see I need to confess sin. I see there is jealousy in me towards brothers. I want to learn that I need to confess sin and get done with it and not allow these things in my life. Confess it as sin.

Emiko — said that she is not always kind to everyone but she wants to be.

Kepha — I also want to confess that sometimes I loose my peace and I beat my brothers with my tongue — especially Meshullem and Adam. I want to be a priest in every situation and keep my peace and love my brothers. Because I want to jump too when Yahshua comes back and look in His eyes and have a good conscience. I am thankful for our Father's character, that he comes to us in love to discipline us. I want to repent from this and love my brothers and sisters.

Ebyown — I see that I only see Yahshua in some brothers. Our Father spoke to me about many things in my life. I want to change. I have division with Jehu. I had my own mind. He would tell me to do something and I would do it, but in my heart I judged it. Many things in my life ... I am very sorry about this with Jehu. When it happened [a baking sheet had fallen on Jehu's toe in the bakery. He got stitches and is walking on a crutch right now], I felt condemned. I could not say I'm sorry it happened or anything. My heart was cold. But after, our Father could speak to me about things in my life that keep me from loving my brothers. I do not want to continue this way. I want to repent from not speaking to my brothers, not loving my brothers and not seeing my brothers the same as if it was Yahshua.

Yochanan Abraham — That is what the Body of Messiah is all about. When we sew up a wound, we have to sew the inside first, and then the outside. The inside has to touch so it can heal. If you only sew the outside you have only a superficial healing on the outside but the inside rots because of the pocket that is created. In the loaf and in the Edah, we are able to touch one another's hearts, touch the sore spots and leave ourselves open to be touched. Then we are stuck together that way and healing can come. Then life is flowing from one side to the other side and you cannot tell the difference between one side and the other. That is what this life is about. There is a damaging going on to every grain, but it is knitting us together and healing us because we are allowing ourselves to be touched.

Hasah ba Hagav — I am thankful I am touching hearts with Hephzibah. So it gives me confidence in losing weight that it will not just be a superficial healing. We are perfected in unity — when we touch hearts with other people. I have wanted to get by without touching hearts with people — just get myself together and then come touch hearts with people. But the only way I can be perfected is in unity. And then you find yourself increasing in love. I know there have been times I have not humbled myself. If I receive too much, I didn't humble myself and say so. I am going to put anxiety under my feet. Before I came to the Body, I read Mt 6:33 and it kept me looking for the Body of Yahshua where I could do that — not worry about food or clothing, etc. I know that He truly wants to deliver me from anxiety.

Nahum — I see how when one suffers we all suffer because we are a body. The discipline shows that our Father loves us. Before we had a superficial life but inside were totally rotten. So now he has to crush us and then he

knits us together. True healing is coming so we truly can become one. Things had to happen so we could be broken — for the unity to come about. We are getting ready for a race and everyone who does not run according to the rules is going to be thrown out of the race. Our Father is doing this so that we will hold onto the rule so we will be qualified for the race. Our Father is showing us our limits.

Ha-Emeq — Yesterday I was down at the river and Yochanan (Haggai's son) was swimming and I saw that he had stripes on his bottom. I thought that if there were other people there and they saw those marks, they should know that he has a Father who loves him. Then I saw Haggai on his crutches and thought that if someone saw Haggai, they'll be happy because they would know that he has a Father who loves him too. We know he loves us because he disciplines us.

There is a price that has to be paid. Yoneq said we should write an article of the cost of being a disciple. Christianity took the gospel and made it cheap — it is a bargain — on sale today — eternal life — no charge. Yahshua paid the price, but there is still the price. Listening to that song that Hasah sang made me feel how I first felt giving up my life the very first time. It was so hard. Like cranking up a machine that had never been used before. For 21 years I had lived for myself, I never had to give up my life. And then was the second time I had to give up my life. It was really hard. But it goes on for the rest of your life on earth — giving up your life — paying the price. But you are free. What is so hard is actually the way to be free. I love the price that He paid and love the price that I pay because it is the way to freedom. Yahshua did not keep anything for Himself. I want to be like that. I remember walking along and thinking, "I don't have anything. I'm finally free because I gave it all up for Yahshua."

Yochanan Abraham — There are people who want to do that but have no place to. Outside of this place, this wonderful life, there is no way we can be free.

Ha-Emeq — When Christianity did away with the Community, they made it impossible to do that.

Bakhirah — I am thankful that this week our Father exposed in me a way that I was not loving my brothers. I am thankful that He brought it out and then could speak to me about it so that I could repent and be forgiven. It really encouraged me though because one morning I prayed that our Father would help me to keep the commandment that we had heard about last week and then that day, he brought out this thing and I realized that He is going to do it. He is going to help me to love my brothers. He is going to show me. I am so thankful for forgiveness. It is such a wonderful thing.

Yanick — I see I am lacking. I want to trust Jehu in the bakery and not mistrust him. Also I want to be on time for everything. And I want to be faithful to learn English. I have not really taken the word to learn it into my heart. I want Yahshua to change me. to change my life.

Chassidah — It spoke to me what Ha-Emeq said about when she had given up everything and she just had Yahshua and she could feel the freedom. I know that I was a slave to all my ideas and dreams and feelings. I am thankful that I can be free to do what is on my heart.

That is wonderful. That is what saves people — to hear that you found something more wonderful than your personal ambitions and dreams.

Ahimilech — I know that giving up your life does not just mean working your hands off. To give your life means to be obedient, speak to your brothers, put your mind on the Spirit. I know that that is what I am lacking a lot of times. I see it is possible if I do not go by my mind and feelings.

Hephzibah was thankful for the encouragement of the Master's Table, week by week.

We are the only people who want to get old. Week after week after week — just use your life up. The sooner the weeks go by, our Master will come back. In the world they do not want to get old because they have death staring them in the face. But we have life staring us in the face.

We need to be passing the teachings on to Holger — need to love your brother. First priority is to write to Holger; the busiest people need to write.

Someday, the first days will be devoted to teachings, our children, letters. You have not heard the teachings until the teachers break it down, talk about it, discuss it. An inspired teacher needs to teach. Gift of teaching is to be teaching at the table in the morning and in the evening. We really need to discuss these teachings. Making sure that people understand this — ask questions. And everyone should be at the gatherings — prepared and ready.

Yochanan is really thorough. He makes sure that everyone in his house understands. Makes sure the oil goes to the edge of the robe in his household.

Edorta — repented for being anxious for the food at the table instead of talking to his brothers and sisters.

Be anxious for spiritual food. Every day, pray that He would give us our daily bread. Someone in the Edah has to be praying for daily bread in order for us to get it. But what if everyone was praying, longingly for it? Can you imagine what would happen. Daily bread is gotten around the tables before we eat our physical food. That is what sustains us. If we do not eat from Him, we have no life within ourselves. Then there is no sense in just keeping our bodies going. The spiritual nourishment we need in our bodies and souls keeps us enduring to the end and keeps us from falling away.

Next week we will find out what happens when everyone prays for our daily bread, and deliverance from evil, and His Name to be hallowed. If we are all praying for it, it will happen sooner. And for His Kingdom to come — the Stone. And for His will to be done. What allows us to know His will? Giving our lives as a living sacrifice.

His will is important. When the enemy is trying to discourage you, you have to pray a thousand times harder. Go ahead and do it for our Father's sake in spite of the enemy.

We are spiritual people and we hear spirits; we are open to the spiritual world. Ha-Emeq was talking to someone last week who said he had an Indian master. She said, "Oh, you're a slave." Everyone worships in spirit because it is a spiritual thing. God is Spirit. You cannot worship God in spirit only. A guru helps you get acquainted with the spiritual world. When we came to Yahshua, our spirits opened up to the spiritual world.

Since God is Spirit we worship Him in Spirit and in truth. We pray to the Spirit Elohim. We pray in Spirit, but in TRUTH also because He cannot hear us if we do not pray in truth.