

Regional Council

Who are we? How do we call ourselves? What is our proper name? What is prophecy? How will we prophesy? Will it be like we learned in the movies? What can we expect of ourselves at this stage of our development? We know prophecy is for comfort, consolation, edification, exhortation and encouragement (1 Cor 14:3). The prophecy of Joel 2:28 must be fulfilled, “Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.”

Every household needs prophecy. Women wear headcoverings because they pray and prophesy. Prophecy is speaking from the Spirit, not just talking. If it comes from the Spirit, then it is coming forth from communion. Are we lacking in prophecy? We must speak our heart. It is an issue we must face. What is the reason? Did we once prophesy more or are we being formed now, coming to know who we are and what our purpose is? Yoneq asked if there were any questions. Adam raised the issue of radio broadcasting. Yoneq responded, “More and more people are coming out of communist countries; Jews are coming out of Russia. Radio broadcasting may not fit in. We’ve always thought it would be short-wave (not AM or FM) to people who would never otherwise hear of us in the next 20 or 30 years.”

No one spoke.

We talked about this in Sus. Our Father looks to the man who is broken and contrite of heart. To a man broken enough that his spirit could be heard. If no one has anything to say, if there’s nothing coming forth, then it’s a dead issue, gone from now on (short-wave radio).

Reya — We bought that mountain behind the Dwelling with short-wave broadcasting in mind. But I sensed it was for the future and that we didn’t have it now. As for prophecy I sense we’ve heard the call in New England in terms of establishing our industries; it’s uniting us and giving us a focus. I think we’re responding to it.

Timshal — When Israel was rebuilding the wall under Nehemiah, they were hearing prophecy while they were working. As they went on, the work went on in their lives. This wasn’t the same as the prophecy it took to stir their hearts up to go back and build the wall.

Gader — Short-wave broadcasting was the means of reaching into places where we could never be established as a church. I would struggle with calling it a dead issue. We bought that mountain with the vision of proclaiming a message of truth that people would even die trying to reach. I know we would have to be filled with the Spirit to not become a weekly program of the Kingdom (helping people right in their home, Yoneq). These pictures of people fleeing communist countries reminded me of the radio.

Kharash — This time of seeming liberalization may be the time for the sensitive to flee, giving the sincere a chance to flee before the judgment falls. Now may be the time for the radio, but I don’t want to just be affected by outward events. I want to hear what to do here.

Aquila — I’m provoked in myself. Yes, there is prophecy and yes, our sons and daughters will prophesy. I can say there’s prophecy because I’ve been stirred by prophecy. Radio is not a dead issue. Rather, we are receiving a foundation to prophesy from.

Rev 1:3 — Blessed is he who hears and reads words of prophecy. Blessed is he who heeds (brings it about), for the time is near. I know we’ve been hearing the prophetic word. I’m excited to hear about a possible tribe in the Midwest. I’m on the edge of my seat to hear Him. I don’t think we’re prophesying like we will be but I think a foundation is being laid in us from which we’ll prophesy (Eph 3:15-16). We’re seeing generations yet to be. This is to them. I want to be strengthened with power in the inner man to bring it about. To read it and heed it and bring it about. Eph 3:17 — so that Messiah may dwell in our hearts through faith (this is impossible without the prophetic word). So that our hearts may be rooted and grounded in love. Only what goes into us can we latch hold of. The Stone Kingdom is going to be held together by love.

Sameach — If someone lived in hope of us (having heard us on the radio), even if they never reached us, it would be a credit to them. Faith comes by hearing. I don’t know about AM, FM or short wave, but I do know about communicating hope.

We’ll have to be tested in many ways. We’ll have to rub up against many things that have been misused. Radio is dangerous and so is TV. We’ll be tested here, in industry, etc., to see if we have self-control.

Prophecy

If women aren’t praying or prophesying they should take their headcovering off. So they should be doing this

all the time. Not just put it on to prophesy and take it off (1 Cor 11:5 Amplified). Prophecy is teaching, refuting, admonishing, comforting and reproof. Women are continually prophesying. They are comforting by their words, even more than men. Women are taught to teach, reprove, admonish, comfort and refute and to build up the younger women. Men prophesy as well as they are working side by side, speaking and teaching all the time. If we don't prophesy we are cut off for sure from heaven.

Are we cut off? Do we have prophecy? Anyone have reason to believe there's no prophesying going on? Reya — When I spoke earlier my vision was limited by industry. When Aquila spoke, I saw much more. We've been fed, we've been hearing the Stone teachings, we know what we're doing. What's been built has been done with much encouragement, speaking, spurring each other on.

The day is going to come when we'll be assembling for new moons, Feast of Tabernacles — whatever Messiah has not fulfilled. Col 2:17 — Whatever has not been fulfilled we must fulfill it. We can only be fruitful if our flesh is cut off. If these things are shadows of things to come, we'd better be concerned about them. Where is the light shining from? There is no shadow without a light shining (Col 2:17). If there will be no Sabbath in the Seventh day, then we can stop observing it. But if it is a type of what's to come than we keep it.

If He's already fulfilled the Law and the Prophets, then we don't have to do anything. He didn't fulfill at least Isa 49:5-6, maybe more. It is not an easy thing to think about — in fact it's one of the most difficult things possible.

The prophecy about the First Day should come to the households. We gather at the end of the seventh day at twilight, between the lights. This prophecy takes us on through to the Breaking of Bread. Yahshua rose from the dead at twilight, at the beginning of the first day and the end of the Sabbath. We celebrate His resurrection then. We need more prophetic word on the teachings about the Male Child. The prophets must get a hold of these teachings and prophesy; then we'll gain further light. We have to make sure we please the Holy Spirit, not lagging behind or getting ahead. We must at least read the teachings. How have you received them? I've been encouraged by seeing these things in Daniel, Revelations, and about the Male Child. We're little now but there will be many then, 150,000 gathered in a tribe. We'll need prophecy then.

Sameach — I'm receiving something wonderful from what Yoneq is saying. The prophets really need to be giving themselves to our Father. If they don't have their heart toward Him, they have nothing to say. If they do, their heart will be towards the apostle and his teachings, and then prophecy will come forth. This is the order. If there is a lack of prophecy it is because of this. I know that someone is towards our Father because I'm being helped to be towards him.

Malachi — Head coverings popped on and off is religious. We don't want, "Thus says the Lord" prophesying. It is so comforting to know that what comes out of our mouth towards our Father is normal. The prophecy is a continual flow.

Kharash — Head covering should always be a guard against idle talk, checking vain words and anxiety. A head covering releases a woman to speak with all her heart and passion about what she believes and feels. Since it comes from a secure place it does not threaten man, there's no strife with him. Therefore it can come forth with all the power in her spirit.

Jonathan — We've been ruined by the movies. Our idea of prophecy from them is to yell at a mountain and it crumbles to dust. Women are called to do something more powerful than the strength of the flesh because they are the weaker vessel. Our children will speak more because their hearts will be so much closer to our Master.

Radio would be speaking the overflow of our life — the love our Father's putting into us, not just a program where we gut it out.

"There's no prophecy coming forth" accusation comes to me trying to push beyond where we are. The teachings have to be formed in our heart. Every week at our gatherings we're being formed. Our lack is not in bold prophecy but in everyday speech. A lack in the continual speaking of His word brings our temperature down. A constant stream of opinions tears us down. When the women start prophesying then the men will really be released. We need her spirit to build up.

Thomas — Our women have more of a tendency to have a broken and contrite heart. The spirit gushes forth from

there. Layers of self keep a heart covered and walled. Our Father's work is to break our heart so that we could fall on the Stone and be broken. When I'm stirred, I listen to my brothers, and then it comes out of my mouth. Isa 66:2 — We must tremble at His word as well as have a humble and contrite heart. If we do not, then our Father has lost us. Our children need to tremble at our word. We need to tremble at each other's word, take it to heart, let it change us.

Caleb — I'm stuck. My heart's been pounding. I marveled at Yoneq's questions. I need to know about prophecy. We all need to understand prophecy. Without it, we'll be left to our own understanding. What Reya went through illustrates this. Lk 21:34 is a continual thing to resist, being weighed down with the cares and worries of this life.

We get busy. I'm jammed up. Our Father said build up in these ways — to have a stable economic environment and to have teachings continually, and that the clans could see the center as vital and essential, and support it. Over the last few years in Island Pond, we've sent out and given, for the sake of the clans, resources and people we could have used for ourselves. We could have had a nice community, gather once a week and have a nice radio station.

Trials and travails have come upon us to keep us from gathering first days. We've had great difficulty in getting in our wood. Circumstances come upon us and always will. We're going to have to touch everything to see not just if we have self control but, ARE WE SINCERE? How long a road do we have? Will we divide and speak defilement?

It needs to be judged how we are as a whole. The government is doing everything it can to be in unity and have a clear voice. In the past we've said yes, then no, then maybe. That's discouraging. We want to have ORDER not rigid, where there is no room for the Spirit or testing to come in (things that cause us to suffer, not intentionally, at the hands of men).

I'm grateful to hear what prophecy is, that it's constantly going on. You don't have to have a pounding heart to comfort your brothers. Ben Nabiy is a cork. As long as he's here, Barak won't stand up to encourage us. We can sit on our lees, unchanged. We won't know if it's in us — the grace. We'll send out everyone, it will just be you (indicating Yahnathan) and me left. We'll have to get up and give up our little feelings that are like 4,000-lb chains on our lips. Prophecy is not happening here. We're going to have to assemble and get off our seats and speak. We can't sit back and watch others do it. We're used to the great voices of the last 10 years, Hakam and Yoneq. Prophecy is here, it's real simple, it takes place shoulder to shoulder and elbow to elbow. We have to speak the truth to one another in love. I want to teach in a clear way so others can understand.

Kharash — No place in the Bible says to gather together on First Day Morning. I don't know about the New Moon festivals. I was raised on a Babylonian calendar. The Feast of Tabernacles will cause us to look forward to our time in the wilderness. I think we'll start counting time off for the future. The day of the new moon will be our day to gather, by communities, by tribes. Let us leave what's been and go where we're going. Look ahead. The laws were based on a lunar calendar.

Yacheved — Exhortative music is wonderful. But there is another kind of music that leads us to prophecy. Hannah Newsong, Grace, Qesikah can lead us to it.

We go on for a while, then we see the Word and we have to be conformed to it. We can't just have good ideas of what we should do.

How much benefit would it be to the Edah to cleanse our hearts for a week before each New Moon festival. To cleanse out every bit of leaven, both spiritually and physically. Everything we do must have a mind of making the Jews jealous.

Acts 20:11 — In verse 6 they sailed from Philippi after the feast of Unleavened Bread. It's right there.

Evidently they didn't see it as fulfilled in the first Edah, they celebrated it. Verse 8 — Many lights — they gathered at twilight on the first day of the week. This is all leading us to a place.

Our children need to be prepared fully for the days that are coming. We won't last or understand the parables or prophecy without the Proverbs. Our children will have to influence the influx of the world coming, not vice versa. Proverbs teaches us all these things.

In the world what the children are being taught about avoiding AIDS is worse than getting AIDS. We have to be

a friend to our children and let them know they can talk to us about anything: sexual masturbation, wet dreams, the beginning of men's menstruation, outside influences. It is necessary that we do train our children. Our children need to be intimate with us. They need to be able to tell what some other child wanted them to do, to be able to ask any question, anything that might lead to an aberration or perversion.

We had a break.

There were two Sabbaths and two Preparation Days the week our Master was crucified. One high Sabbath, one regular. Any day when you ceased from work was a Sabbath, the High Sabbath was the Passover. You can look and see. We see so many things that Constantine put in. 100 years after the Book of Revelation declared the Laodiceans lukewarm, a council there declared there would be no more Seventh Day Sabbath. Isaiah 56 talks about the Sabbath before He returns. If you don't keep the Sabbath you die, whether anyone knows it or not.

Our Children

After we come to a knowledge of the truth we can no longer plead ignorance. One day the race will begin. The term masturbation may not be correct. All children, all babies do it in a certain way — play with themselves. That part of the body has pleasure, it feels good. How do we handle it when it's our children? It is unreal to think they won't do it. Face it squarely. We have to know how our Father thinks about it, not how it's been handled down to us to think.

In the world there are girls who haven't been told about their period and think they are dying. Boys too — wet dreams, nocturnal emissions — they think they urinated at night. They have no idea what went on, even forgot their dreams. This will happen to our children. What they are teaching in public schools is too filthy to even read here. Teaching children how to have sex without getting AIDS, suggesting things you never thought of. How to have sex and fun without getting AIDS. Suggestions of every evil, using condoms of every color, making it a game, making it fun. Treating the mouth, anus, and vagina as three equal things, training children what to do.

Christian sex books are from the world too — no gleaning. We're breaking new ground. We can be liberated or ruined! We must pray that our Father would speak to us. Why is there so much debate on the subject of masturbation in the world today? No one knows. The Scriptures are empty about this. The Scriptures don't endorse or condemn masturbation, you can't find it. We must understand our Father's mind on this subject. About our lovemaking, this or that? We came out of a perverted world, we were perverted. Does no specific reference in Scripture give us liberty to do as we please? We may feel condemned for what's legitimate and vice versa. We must learn what pleases Him. We have the law in our hearts and minds now. If we're under the anointing then we all know (1 Jn 2:20).

We must determine what sexual immorality is. No immoral person will inherit the Kingdom. What is immorality? Is it just adultery or fornication? How are we training our children? Do we tell them masturbation is immoral and that if they do it one more time they're going to the Lake of Fire? Are they so guilty they can't even look at you in the eye?

What is sexual immorality? Is it just sex with another person? Perversions of sex? Or can it be a secret individual thing, solo or solitary sex? Is masturbation sexual immorality? In our children masturbation probably will not arise from things besides normal sexual desire. (But not so with children coming into the community out of the world.) Pornography gives rise to masturbation beyond normal and natural desire. We will have many gravely damaged people coming into the body, with exhibitionistic, sadistic, masochistic tendencies, etc. Look at 1 Sam 20:26. Start at verse 5. David was thinking it was okay to deceive the king (verse 8). That's how serious a covenant is. Verses 16-17 — Jonathan loved him as he loved himself. Verse 26 — Saul thought something must have befallen him (NIV), that he was unclean, which kept him away from the New Moon Festival. What could it have been? Let's go to Leviticus 15. Verse 16 — an emission of semen would make him unclean till evening, unable to come to the New Moon festival. Verse 18 is separate from this; these are 2 different emissions of semen. Verse 24 — blood on him, unclean for seven days. Verse 25 — Anything after regular period, count off seven days before you go to bed with her. At a regular monthly period you can come back together at the start of the Eighth Day, seven full days after it began.

Lev 15:24 — This is absolutely unintentional. He didn't know. What's intentional? Lev 18:19. That's against

the Law. Lev 20:18 — Both would be cut off from the people. Is that still in the New Covenant or did it end with Messiah? To sin against your conscience immediately cuts you off if you've come to a knowledge of the truth (you don't need an Elder's Meeting to do this). Our Father wants to be involved in every aspect of our life. This isn't a burden, it's to keep us from getting the diseases of the world.

Saul would have known about it if David was cut off from Israel. We in the New Covenant will fulfill this.

We're going to satisfy Rom 8:4. If our flesh is still active, we'll act according to the flesh and be under the law.

Our flesh must be cut off every day so we can walk according to the Spirit, fulfilling the requirements of the Law (Rom 8:4).

There are sacrifices available for unintentional sin but none for intentional. We can't sin deliberately thinking, 'I'll sin now and sacrifice or confess it later. No sacrifice is left. Many people didn't have a heart to obey even in the simple things they did have a knowledge of the truth of. That's why they were cut off (in the community). Ishah has gone from night to day just because someone who could tell her, "Your sins are forgiven." She is such a wonderful person. She carried a horrible sin of what she said to the Holy Spirit before she came to the Body. I was prepared to help; I'd done the same thing as a child. When forgiven she just lit up. She's praising and thanking, and her countenance is marvelous.

Lev 5:2 — He still needs to offer sacrifice even if he was unaware. Lev 5:5 — He must confess in what way he has sinned. For givenness is not released without confession. David did something, Saul thought. It was not Lev 18:19 or anything that would cut him off from Israel; Saul would have known about that. (A woman wouldn't be able to go if she'd started her monthly flow, but that's not sin, you don't have to offer sacrifice.)

Lev 15:24 — It is tremendously more sanitary today. We can't throw the Law away totally and we can't be under the Law. We have to walk softly here, understanding the heart of our Father. Someday we may be sleeping across the room from our wife during their period. What does Our Father think about a woman breaking bread two weeks after a child is born? A woman requires great rest after having a child. We have to understand the practical value of these things the days. That's why we need prophecy.

A new moon festival went for three days: 1 Sam 20:19 — third day, verse 27 — second day. 1 Sam 16:5 — They had to prepare themselves physically and spiritually. What does consecrate mean? To make or declare sacred.

Num 19:11 22; Ex 19:10 15 — There has to be a preparation before you do things — Breaking of Bread, circumcisions, praying for someone, coming to Celebration — a time of consecration. These are important before we begin a nation. Can a nation be born in a day? It can't be done. A child can't be brought to birth without pain

It's a simple task to raise up the twelve tribes. The hard part is maintaining the ever-increasing light for 50 years. Without knowing these things a nation can't be born. What happens if our light starts dwindling, waning, if we don't put the moon under our feet? We can't pass on the Holy Spirit.

1 Sam 20:26 — Wouldn't it be highhanded to not consecrate before a new moon festival — coming together with your wife? Having Celebration before Breaking of Bread it would still be all right to come together on the Sabbath. Saul thought something befell David. What are we trying to establish?

Aberration (you might find you have one yourself; it helped me when I learned what this meant; I started sensing what my problem was) is the act of being aberrant, which is to go astray from the right and normal way, deviate.

We've got to be restored in all things. We have to go back to our Father's intended way of conduct.

Aberration is deviating from the natural way — the moral standard set by nature or the Bible. We must go back to His way, what nature teaches us. We must be ready for all kinds of questions. One we have to face is: is oral sex okay? (Better not to even teach our children this). Is it normal or natural? Is it good or bad? Where did we learn it was good or bad? How will we train our children? What will we say if someone gets saved and teaches our children and they ask the parents about these questions? We must have one mind about this. What does our Father think about this? Before the nation begins we must have one mind. (Christianity says Solomon endorsed oral sex in Song of Solomon).

I can prove to you right now that oral sex is an alternative to getting pregnant or getting AIDS in the schools.

Heavy petting is permissible, not even considered wrong. One more reason why we can't send our children to public school, even if they kill us. We'd be dead anyway if we allowed them to go.

Aberration (Rev 21:8; 1 Cor 6:9 11; Ps 24:4). Verses 3-4 — who does not lift up his soul to an idol, instead Ps

25:1. 1 Cor 6 — Some of us were this, but we're washed, sanctified, justified. Aberration is in the mind and it was put there by a spirit of error, changing one from the way he should be to something else. We learned everything wrong. It is not in correspondence to man's natural state at creation. Man and his fall is an aberration of a mirror, no longer giving a perfect representation of the image reflected. We were created in the image of our God; we've been distorted. Yahshua was the perfect representation of the Father, there was no aberration in Him. This is how we will be.

A mirror with an aberration will give a distorted and inaccurate reflection of you to you. It is a failure in its refracting surface to produce an exact point for point correspondence between the object and the image. An aberration is also an unsoundness or disorder of the mind. We've got a disorder and we've got to change it. There can't be any aberrations in the stone being raised up to crush the toes. The aberrations are the wrinkles. To correspond is to be absolutely and totally in conformity to His will and purpose. In any relationship we have to co respond to one another or it won't be any good. Can you imagine having a friend you don't respond to? We perfectly adjust to one another's needs and desires, that's how husbands and wives are. We must be made to correspond to Him and not Him to us.

We have to know what is right and proper, or we'll raise a bunch of aberrant children. If a parent has his own mind about masturbation (or anything else), thinking the way his father raised him was right, he will pass that on. There will be many different standards among our children, leading to condemnation. No one can be an island here, what we do affects the other person.

There is still an underground among our children. We need a proper relationship with them so they'll tell you what they've been hearing. We don't want different thinking from clan to clan, but one mind, one heart, one way. This will bring peace. What is the mind of our Father?

Masturbation must be a child's own choice. They have to be taught the proper way to think about it and then decide for them selves. We can't impose it upon them. It will only condemn them and amplify the desire to do it.

They are going to do it, especially if we put a heavy restriction upon them. We must tell them about it in a good, proper way so they can make their own choice. They must be given liberty, only in the law of liberty can one come to know what is pleasing to our Master. He gave up His life of his own accord (Jn 10:18), because He loved the Father and wanted to please Him. We must adjust our behavior accordingly.

It doesn't say, "Thou shalt not masturbate", in the Bible because it would put such a heavy burden on people. It is our children's decision to masturbate or not (masturbation when married for sexual release when a woman in her uncleanness might be permissible). We must be free of all the stuff our parents passed on to us about it. It had all kinds of repercussions. Parents have used everything to talk their children out of it. If we put impositions on them, we'll foster an underground, leading to further ungodliness.

It is not our decision to make whether our children masturbate or not. We can't divulge more than the child's maturity level. Our children need to be able to talk to us about any subject without embarrassment. Once they have embarrassment about a subject, you know there's an aberration forming there. We are the ones who pass on embarrassment to our children. Some children in our midst are ignorant and don't know how to masturbate. It's fine our children are naive, they must come into wisdom. Our problem will be outsiders educating our children. We must guide them and educate them on masturbation so evil spirits won't prey on their ignorance.

Lev 15:16-17 — Tell them that every time they masturbate, they have to clean all over. Two to three times a week is beyond release. Masturbation is detrimental in marriage for it makes you climax quicker. Lev 15:16-17 alludes to the possibility of masturbation, an emission of semen possibly brought about by his own manipulation. It neither condemns nor condones the emission of semen but it does condemn you for not bathing — disobedience. Evidently no sin is implicated just by having an emission. It could be sin depending on what your mind is set on — lust. What we do after is what counts.

The Bible takes it for granted that there will be emissions of semen by single or married men. It talks about what to do when it happens. An emission requires no sacrifice (Lev 22:4-5; Dt 23:10-11). Note Dt 23:12-13 for the sake of verse 14. He sees every thing, even how we deal with our bowel movements. He moves about in the camp, let Him not see anything that would turn Him away from you. What intimacy He has with us. This how we must be with our children.

Women in the Edah will not struggle much with masturbation. Women are not supposed to take the initiative in sex. (Someone asked if it was okay if they did; Yoneq responded, "More power to you.") The man is supposed to take the initiative. You can't compare your relationships in the world with the Edah or you'll die. Some women never have climax so their husband has to be more sensitive and help her along with this. If you love her you'll help her find fulfillment, being patient; there are ways to stimulate her. The longer you build up (foreplay), the better it is for her and the longer lasting more fulfilling time together.

There's no need to be embarrassed; everyone's got the same problems. The emission of semen made the man unclean, not the act itself. When you come to the designated thing you must be prepared for it, consecrated. If your mind is on something else, you're unfit.

Phineas — What has come to me is something from the past, that sex is dirty and therefore you're unclean. What you said about distraction really helped me.

Qatan — You know making love to your wife is a spiritual thing because it produces children.

Lev 15:18 — Here's a man excluded from certain activities because he's not prepared himself for the meeting.

The semen and the thoughts he may have had made him unclean. Lev 15:18-19 — When there is a discharge a woman should rest. Masturbation or release could have been resisted before the special event. This must be kept here by the new, spiritual Israel, walking according to the Spirit (Rom 8:4).

Lev 15:24 — We decided that was accidental. So why is he unclean for seven days? Some things are not revealed to us now but may be later. It's wonderful not to be a know-it-all. (Someone asked, "How could such a thing happen?" In the middle of intercourse she started her period (Lev 15:25)). If you know she's having it that would be a deliberate, intentional sin. It might have been better to masturbate this time than be cut off from Israel.

Lev 20:18 — This is so serious that once you come to a knowledge of the truth (Heb 10:26), then whether he comes and confesses it or not, he is cut off. The sin actually comes upon you (Num 15:30) and you die. It's according to your heart and your motive. It possibly could be forgiven if you fell into it. This is why you take people into custody, to see whether it was high handed intentional rebellion or not.

Pr 5:11 14 — Many have come to ruin because they didn't listen to teachings, the word, their brothers and sisters. The person will be cut off even if he doesn't confess it. Our Father knows. He cuts you off from heaven, you will have no more grace. Everyone who does not take heed to what our Master says will be utterly cut off.

Num 15:30, 22 36, 22 — if we're ignorant, we won't enter the Kingdom. Jn 14:21 — Those who love Him are those who *have* His commandments and obey them. We can't help but follow the customs of the nations if we continue to be ignorant. Num 15:30 — You can bring an offering for unintentional sin but not for intentional. Such a one would go to the second death for Israel. His guilt remains on him because he has despised Yahweh's Word.

The cleansing procedure had a hygienic purpose. AIDS today is spread through bodily fluids, semen and blood having the highest concentrations. Our Father spreads certain boundaries for Israel and the stranger in 25 different places in the Law. (Like when parents come they must totally submit to the order that is here, working right along with us.) Unclean means unfit for certain religious practices. These boundaries are His kindness.

Jude (Living Bible) — We have to stay where his kindness can reach and bless us. If we go outside them it's like jumping off the roof. If we don't like it we don't love Him and we incur His wrath. This is not what He wants (Jn 15:10).

Blood and semen carry certain diseases. Millions have incurred diseases this way. Cleansing procedures follow emission or follow of blood, as well as separation of close personal contact (doesn't mean that you can go and hide all day).

Israel's God, as shown by these regulations, shows that He wants to be involved in every aspect of our lives.

This causes us to love Him more. We are a royal priesthood about to declare His excellencies (1 Pet 2:9).

Christianity is practicing all that the former inhabitants of the land practiced. A sick and diseased people can't declare His excellencies. We are not the people upon whom the curse of the Law has come.

Our Father cares about what we do when no one else is around. Our character is revealed when no one else is around. Do we gobble our food down when we're alone and pray when people are there? Our faith is either real or unreal when no one else is around. This will teach us to be sensitive in all our ways.

Pr 3:5-6 — When we acknowledge Him in all our ways He will direct our path. We are in the process of having His laws engraved in our hearts. This is what is happening to us. It is time to be thankful. We are coming to know the covenant. Mal 3 — Who can stand in that day? The covenant is like a refiner's fire or fuller's soap. It is going to get worse or better, depending on our attitude. How many will abide in Rom 8:4? We must walk by the spirit and not the flesh.

Everything we're going through makes us like our Master, point by point. These laws demanded, in the right spirit, self control and good sexual conduct and behavior. Grace establishes the Law, not destroys it. (Christian books will destroy all restraint for they are under "grace.")

What have we learned about masturbation? 2 Tim 3:16 — For the past 16 years we've been doing what was right in our own eyes. We must now go by the scripture. Lev 15:16-17 speaks of wet dreams and masturbation, the unconscious and conscious emission of semen from our body. In your dream you have a release of semen. Many see it as a necessary device, not evil. Masturbation fulfills a natural need for a man. It is also pleasurable. This adds to it, like the pleasure in eating. How many would be overweight if there were no pleasure in eating? We wouldn't have as many babies if it didn't feel good. Does it feel good? Is this bad? There's a greater motivation than pleasing yourself. Wanting to have children transcends mere physical gratification, it's spiritual. We must deal with this in our conscience. Our Father wants to be intimately involved with us. We want that with our children, even in their masturbation. (Why do we kiss babies? Is it for them or us? We get a good feeling. It also fulfills a need in the baby for intimacy.)

Can we reach a conclusion as to masturbation's morality? Is it moral, immoral or amoral in itself (separating from thoughts, evil entertainment). Frequent masturbation goes beyond release and is the work of an evil spirit.

* Our Father wants to be involved in the most intimate aspects of our life, including masturbation. We can tell our children this.* It will release them from evil spirits that come. It will make them not think they are a total creep. We can talk to the child, "You need to be able to judge yourself," gently talking to them, not threatening, not saying you can't do this or that. Jn 21; Mt 18 — The people able to forgive extend mercy easily because they are the greatest sinners, they understand easier. Mercy smiles in the face of judgment. Our Father can't be merciful to us if we're not merciful.

The Scripture doesn't condemn or condone masturbation. How are we going to use the Scripture for reproof and correction if we don't know what the Scripture says about masturbation? If the Scripture is silent can we be silent? When the devil is around to condemn us or our children out of our heads when we masturbate? But our conscience functions on what it knows.

1 Cor 7:2 7, 5 — Satan tempt you to do what? What is Paul talking about? Lust after another woman?

Masturbation? To engage in a past perversion that comes up most readily when he's not finding fulfillment in his relationship with his wife? A sin that so easily entangles him but nonetheless that he is to throw off. 1 Cor 7:5 — Satan tempting. It says Satan — it's not your own flesh or nature but it is Satan entering the picture. Satan won't just try to make you masturbate but he would probably tempt you with another person.

1 Cor 7:9 The safeguard against burning with passion is marriage, not masturbation. Masturbation isn't the provision for lust or burning with passion. Masturbation is not an alternative to marriage, the gift is the alternative. The gift in verse 7 is the gift of being single. Marriage is not that simple. If there's no available wife than the gift is something else. If our children are going to masturbate it should be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, not condemned and never drinking the Victory Cup. Maybe this is the gift —*only maybe*. With this teaching we'll have less tendency to condemn our children. We'll need a few more years to understand this.

Lev 15:16 — If you are burning, masturbation or release is not necessarily a sin or it never would have talked about an emission separated from marriage. Unless it is unbridled fantasies or lust. Some people enjoy this more than going to bed with their wives. That is an aberration of the mind. Jms 1:21 — We're to rid ourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of lawlessness. We must receive the implanted word able to save our soul from death.

1 Ths 4:3 6 — is not masturbation because you're wronging your brother. Is that right? It is very serious if we reject this but what does it mean. We must all be able to control our own vessels (or bodies or wives) in

sanctification and honor. It means what it says; if we reject this we reject Him. Later He will avenge this. Is anyone able to control his whole body (Jms 3:2)? We may not be able to control our tongue but our Father knows our heart. Self-control is the fruit of the Spirit. If we don't have self control, we may not have the Spirit. Perfect self control approaches our glorified state. The race must begin not on our perfection but on our intention and determination. Otherwise, we wouldn't have anywhere to run to. Heb 12:1 — To run, we must be as free as possible. The Greek says the sin that so easily girdles us. 1 Cor 9:24 27 — Paul says he beats his body, making it his slave. He treats it harshly, showing mastery over it. 1 Cor 9:24 25 We must exercise self control (which may or may not include temporary release of sexual pressure).

Our Father considers our methods of controlling our bodies to be important. Rom 12:1-2 — We should control our bodies in a holy and honorable way. We have to maintain personal dignity before our Father. We can't shut Him or the angels out of the bedroom. We must sow to please the Spirit Gal 6:8). 1 Ths 4:4 — in the Greek it says we're learning to know how to control our bodies. If we are learning to love Him we'll do it. We're controlling our bodies because we love Him and we want to please Him. Why did our Master lay His life down? Because He loved His Father. That is the Law of liberty. We must be increasing.

1 Ths 4:4 — Is this saying masturbation is sexual immorality? No, but a mind filled with lustful thoughts is. Or is it saying masturbation is something we all resort to from time to time for our own comfort, pleasure or release (1 Ths 4:3). Yet verses 6 and 8 seem to say it is not masturbation since it affects someone else. Lustful thoughts hurt your thoughts towards others. We must live perfect as far and our communion and our unity are concerned. We must not defraud our brother. Mt 18:8. We have to be perfected in our unity.

Defrauding a brother is a sin going beyond Mt 5:28. Whoever defrauds has transgressed beyond where he can be forgiven. Mt 5:28 is going beyond a thought — it is getting into total thoughts and fantasies. Fantasies are dangerous things, we should flee them.

Yerusha — Our children don't ever have to get to this place if we capture their hearts and minds.

If you think dealing with your children is hard, think about the 10,000 after them. What we're called to do is impossible but we have to do it.

1 Ths 4:4 is not masturbation (sexual immorality). Those who intentionally sin are cut off in this age. It is not just thoughts but action beyond remedy in this age. There is always a way of escape, especially with these types of sins.

Can masturbation occur apart from lustful fantasies? Yes, especially with our children. Can it simply be a biological release of pent up sexual energies? But many times it comes from lusts building up the tension calling for sexual release. Jms 1:14 speaks of sin leading to death. 1 Jn 5:16 — They can not be re-grafted in, you do not have to pray for them.

The Scripture does not directly state that masturbation can be used to control our passions nor does it directly condemn the practice. How can we advise our children? If we have arrived at a decision or answer we should all agree on it and work it out in the lives of us and our children.

What are the pros and cons of masturbation?

Cons:

1. It leads to self centered sexual identity.
2. It leads to premature ejaculation.
3. Could fuel sexual fantasy.
4. It can rob the wife of her relationship.

Pros:

5. It can be a release when needed but must be judged right, not by lust.

Don't discipline a younger child for exploring and playing with himself. If you find an older child masturbating don't ignore it or condemn it. Take the opportunity to communicate your love. Communicate the wonders of the human body, that it is a magnificent and wonderful creation which our Father designed to use for His purpose. We might also say, it feels good to touch your private parts (Our Father made it that way). I know, I

went through it. Our body is special and we should use and care for it properly.

If this practice is excessive we must maintain a relaxed, positive attitude, “I know it feels good but it is inappropriate sometimes.” During puberty or youth masturbation becomes a greater concern since it is in response to greater things working in them. We need to be sensitive to the child’s feelings. We need to initiate a conversation about masturbation before we suspect anything, probing, finding out what they know. We don’t need to give them a lesson if they don’t know.

We must calmly direct our children back to us, not to other children. Our children need to hear about masturbation from us and not from another child just in the Edah; they will talk to the unsuspecting child, we must talk first. We must continue to have meetings on this so our children will have a chance to be Rev 14. The younger couples also need to hear these things.

A father might talk to his own son in his early teens (or younger) about his own feelings when he was his age. He should tell him the correct word for playing with himself. Tell him exactly what it is: massaging to release semen. Make sure you communicate that semen is for having children. He needs to know why we have these feelings, sexual desires, etc. The father must go over the Scriptures with his son to help him decide what our Father feels about masturbation. We should gauge the content of what we communicate by the maturity of the child.

Remember what you want to accomplish:

6. To let your son know of our Father’s desire to be involved in his sexuality.
 2. To show him what the Bible says about this.
 3. To have him experience our Father’s and our unconditional love and affection for him.
 4. To have him be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in his life and to see the application of the Scriptures in his life. (Proverbs are our answer to keep them from the world’s influence, aberrations).
- Then we will place masturbation in its proper place and not have an evil condemning conscience. This is where evil spirits feed.

The topic of masturbation will be most difficult to discuss with your child but if you love him you won’t wait until it is too late. It is intensely personal. He needs to talk to you the parent about it, not his friends who may be already defiled or corrupted with in evil conscience — they are already confused. If you don’t talk with him he will have serious setbacks and serious problems. He will suffer.

Our children should be able to talk openly and honestly about all things — any subject. Talking about masturbation is not easy but it is critical. Once you get past the initial discomfort it will bond you with your child — bond you with a deep intimacy. It is impersonal without that.

How do you think your child’s friend will present masturbation better than you can or will? We’ve got to have wisdom. Are you prepared to respond if you find your child in this? Do you think your child already knows about masturbation? Can you anticipate a good time talking to your child about masturbation? We should anticipate a good time because of the bonding and intimacy.

We need to pray for good weather for agriculture in the Midwest.