

Authority 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 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.