

Sowing Discord

[This teaching was to the whole community, but Yoneq especially addressed the children and youths.]

You hear much in the Bible about the word abomination. What do you think an abomination is? When you hear that word, what do you think of?

It is an old word, and nowadays they might instead say despicable or detestable; it is something that the Bible says that God hates more than anything else. And if God hates some things more than others, then we must hate it as much as He does. God says he hates certain things and certain types of people. There are certain sins that are such an abomination that it is despicable and detestable. It even says that He hates the one who does it. But since He loves the world so much, you can hardly think of God hating anyone since He is love. But He actually hates “one” if he is vile or an abomination in his sight — a worthless fellow — is hardly a person, but a “fellow.” Worthless fellows are “one of the same kind” (2 Sam 16:7; 20:1; 6:20; Dt 13:13; Jdg 9:4; 11:3; 19:22; 1 Sam 25:17; 2 Sam 23:6; 1 Kng 21:10,13; 2 Chr 13:7). Only the worthless will be cast into the sea of fire, for no *worth* while deed was recorded in the books (Rev 20:14).

A villain and a scoundrel — a despicable person full of hate. In a movie, everyone hates the villain because he is a vile, evil man. Our Father hates certain actions of ours and even in some cases He says He hates the person. Ps 15:4 — We must hate what He hates — despise what He despises. For example, it says that He hates a man who wants to be a woman and a woman who wants to be a man, a transvestite, effeminate man (Dt 22:5), or vice versa — a woman who likes to put on men’s clothing and be like a man, playing the role of the opposite sex. This person is despicable in His sight (Gen 1:27). Rom 1 says that it is because they forgot to thank God, even for His daily care or for the creation which they witnessed every day. The result is that they are perverted in their own personality; even their facial expression and mannerisms change (Ps 19:1 4; Rom 1:20-21).

That is one kind of abomination. There are many kinds of abominations, but the *worst* is sowing seeds of discord to tear down what He is building up. To work in direct opposition to the very purpose of God, is to destroy yourself.

In Rev 21:27, we see that there are certain types of people who do certain types of things, who will not be saved.

They will not repent. A person who practices abominations — a detestable act — these people whom Rev 21:27 speaks about are not able to enter the Holy City. You will never find there someone who is worthless and despicable or vile in their behavior, or someone who practices falsehood, or a deceitful person, one gossiping, or winking their eye, or shuffling their feet, or talking about their neighbors, and especially, one causing discord.

The reason our Father hates most of all someone who causes division or a rift between brothers and sisters is because unity is the work of the Holy Spirit. Thus, causing a division is working against God. If you destroy the temple and not build it up, you will be destroyed. It is a law like gravity. Whoever tends to destroy will be destroyed absolutely. The first edah was destroyed. The second edah will exhibit the fruit or power of the kingdom, not only a perfected united twelve-tribed house of Jacob, but the light in it will shine to the utter parts of the earth to give sight to the lost sheep (Isa 49:6; Jn 11:52).

We have a corporate oneness. We have been baptized into that oneness. It is essential to our welfare to be in the perfectly united Body (Jn 17:23, Amp. Bible). An arm, leg, etc., cannot exist disconnected from the body (1 Cor 12:12). It is the absolute word of God that no one can exist outside the corporate oneness of the Body.

Proverbs 6:12

A scoundrel, a villain. *Scoundrel* even sounds bad. He is the worst sort of person. A scoundrel is a worthless person. He is not worth anything to Messiah, to God. Therefore he is a worthless person. There is no one here who is worthless. We are worthy of the kingdom if we endure. We accepted Him and made ourselves worthy of eternal life (Acts 13:46) for no one is worthy of eternal life in themselves; that is why we had to be saved. A worthless person is a scoundrel or villain.

This person goes around with crooked speech, a corrupt mouth, a perverse mouth. Perverse means it is not doing what it is supposed to do, which is building up and encouraging. But instead he has crooked speech. Perverse means crooked.

A worthless person winks his eyes. He does some kind of foolishness and he winks to let you know he was just

kidding. He winks with his eyes.

Shuffling of the feet. Have you ever seen a child, or anyone, who shuffles his feet? His is not walking like he is going somewhere. He is walking like he is not going anywhere. It is worthless. Or one who signals with his feet — he kicks someone under the table.

They point their fingers. Does it mean accusing or does it mean making a joke at someone, pointing your finger at another child and getting someone to laugh at them. Well, if you do this, you have a tendency toward being a scoundrel, a worthless person.

One who plots evil with deceit in his heart; he is continually, every day, scattering seeds that will sprout someday. For if you sow seeds of discord, soon you will see little sprouts. Those mere little seeds sown in a brother's or sister's ear soon sprout into attitudes about a person. "Did you see him, what he does, what she does? She always does that ..." Then the person you told has an attitude about that other person now. He does not like him as much as he used to. Something alienates him from that person — just a little bit. And rifts come in and pretty soon you have denominations. That is an abomination, for they are derived from discord. Factions are caused by one who sows the seeds.

There are six things (Pr 6:12) that the Master hates, but the seventh is the worst. For it alone is an abomination, and extremely disgusting and vile to Him. Even if you are any of these six ways, there is no way that you can enter the Holy City because it means you do not have a savior (Rev 21:27). "Six things there are which the Lord hates, and the seventh His soul detests" (Pr 6:16). The one who sows discord among the brethren is the worst of the worthless fellows.

Discord is disagreement among brothers; differences of opinion; contention; strife; disagreements especially that produce angry passions, contest, disputes, litigation. Discord may exist between *families*, creating parties; and the worst sort of discord causes denominations within the very Body of Messiah, if it were possible (1 Cor 1:10-13). Can contentions, wranglings, and factions exist in Messiah?

[Note to teachers: You are not a teacher if you merely read off these pages; anyone could do that. But you are a minister of the word, mentioned in Eph 4:11, for the purpose of verses 12-16. So, Teachers, use your own examples on the following and draw from your students.]

Haughty eyes — What are haughty eyes? A proud look. What is that? To be lifted up in pride. If you were to look at Satan, he would be lifted up in pride. He is not humble. But if you saw our Master, you would see someone who is humble, not thinking he is better than anyone else. Likewise, we should not think that we are better than anyone else. Our Master took on the garb of a *servant*

A lying tongue — Talking about someone who is innocent when he is not guilty at all. If you have done this, you have...

Shed innocent blood. When they crucified our Master, they shed innocent blood also.

Devise wicked plans — We have had many people do that; or they devised plans to leave because they did not have enough courage to say, "I don't love you. I'm leaving."

Feet that hurry to do evil

**A lying witness who pours out lies; but worse than all,
One who sows discord among family, among brothers.**

It could be among your physical family. A family of eight people is big enough to sow discord in. You make up lies about your brother or sister and spread discord in your family (speaking to our children and youths). But in the Community, the discord would be among brothers and sisters.

Sometimes we might do this unwittingly, not even meaning to; sometimes we cannot even judge ourselves. Did you ever do it and not mean to and have to be corrected for it? But sometimes it is done by someone intentionally. They plan it, devise it. Sometimes we do it unwittingly and have to be helped to see it and then we do not want to do it anymore. However, if you do it intentionally, you are an abomination in His sight, because the seventh His soul detests. The seventh says he who sows discord among brethren.

Discord — a lack of harmony between brothers; a lack of rapport between brothers; a lack of love

between brothers; differing opinions; having a different mind about things. (“That’s your opinion; this is mine.”) You can be haughty in doing that. As a matter of fact, you can enter into all those other six things that He hates.

Harmony — The Male Child will learn to sing the song of God in harmony (Rev 14:3). They will be in perfect harmony, not one in discord, for with them there is no discord; they are all in harmony and perfect peace. It will be beautiful music — everyone in tune. Their singing the song of Yahshua is a spiritual belonging to one another. It is a unity that astounds the whole world to see that there is no discord between brothers. It will be as if Satan is already bound, that all of our Master’s enemies are under His feet, that nothing that God hates is in us. That is why He is making a Holy City for us, or out of us.

We have to be in harmony ourselves — with ourselves — with no civil war going on inside of us. For if there is civil war going on inside of us, there will be war going on in the Body. We must put this into our children, so that they will put it into their children, and they into their children, so that the woman (Rev 12) produces the male child who comes into youth, the child who grows up to be a man, and they are able to sing the song of God in perfect harmony. There will be no discordant ones, for discord has been judged and cast out. The discordant ones, the ones who sow discord, cannot rule with the peacemakers. There is nothing in a peacemaker that causes division. You are being made into the image of our Master; is there anything in Him that causes division between brothers? The final prayer of our Master was that our unity would be the same as the unity of the Father and Son. As long as we truly know His name, He protects us and keeps us in that unity. Mt 5:9 — The makers and maintainers of peace. *Eph 4:1 5 is your calling*— vocation.

We know that discord was sown by someone, since it entered into the first church. The Corinthians already had the beginnings of parties, little cliques here and there: “I follow Paul,” “I follow Cephas,” etc. But Paul exhorted them to have no divisions — not a hint of division (1 Cor 1:10 13). That is the mind of Paul. You can see what happened when the serpent came in and started making many factions through factious people who were not peacemakers. Peacemakers (Mt 5:9) shall be called the sons of God because they will be just like His Son. They will be a corporate Son, a collective Messiah. We are going to be just like Him in the universe. But what if we took our discordant attitudes and errant spirit into the universe? There would be war between the planets while all were saying they worship God. That spirit is a deceitful, deceiving spirit. And that is why it says (Rev 18:2) that the final outcome of the first church after the Spirit left (because factious spirits came in and caused divisions), is that *every* spirit that exists came in and it is now Babylon—confusion. It was at one time pure—they enjoyed one heart and one mind (Acts 4:32), but the final outcome is that Christendom has every kind of spirit that divides, every kind of evil spirit, demon, or unclean bird. What *is* an unclean bird? You might have a few unclean birds in you, yourself, if you cause division; if you like to eat on the flesh of your brothers and sisters. Unclean birds devour one another; they have a feast. We bring unclean birds in here if we are not washed of them and able to judge them.

So we know all about how factions can come into the Body. We have seen or heard about factious people in the Body and now we are so few that we are able to check factions if we are awake and aware (Titus 3:10). For a person who has an errant spirit, causing division in his own family or causing someone to stumble, it is better he has a millstone tied around his neck and be thrown in the sea than to cause someone to stumble by his spreading discord. It is better to die physically than spiritually. Stumbling must come, but woe to him through whom it comes. It is how much better to die for righteousness than for what is an abomination (Mt 18:1 11).

Mt 18:15 17 is one way to excommunicate people from the Body who will not listen to the truth and come under instruction. But Titus 3:10-11 says that, after the first and second warning, you should have nothing to do with him. It means he has to leave because he is self-condemned; he is perverted. We do not want that to ever be said about us in any way. But we *are* going to have this kind of people spoken of in Pr 6. We must be ready for it. One who causes a faction is a worthless person, more worthless than the servant who will not use all his talents for our Master’s glory (Mt 25:30). What will happen to this person (Mt 18:15)? They will suddenly be broken beyond remedy, beyond repair. You will not be able to do anything for that person because he has sinned a sin unto death (Titus 3:11).

If anyone is guilty of sowing strife, planting seeds that cause strife without knowing it, it is not as bad as someone doing it deliberately. *But* still, it causes discord, and if we do not judge these things, we are still going to answer for it. Our Father wants us to be spiritual people who would judge these things. 1 Cor 11:27 32 — If you really discern that this is the Body of Messiah, you will be able to judge yourselves before you sow discord. You must judge yourself in this. We have actually had people die because they were not able to judge themselves. This has actually happened in the other communities and it can happen to you. Calamity will come upon you suddenly, if we speak against authority with our mouth, not building up but tearing down (1 Cor 3:17; 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10).

A worthless person has no worth. Worth is value—a quality that renders you useful for the purpose for which you were created. We will all be recompensed for our worth in the Body (recompensed is an equivalent return for good or evil (Ps 62:12; Jer 51:56; Mt 16:27)). In the nations, also, there is a judgment of a person's worth. Only the worthless person with no value will be cast into the sea of fire.

In the Weymouth Bible (he claims to be a Greek scholar), in Titus 3:10, it says, “he who refuses to be taught.” (Refuses to be taught, factious, heretic, does not abide in the anointing. This error is intentional. Paul is not talking about the error of ignorance here or in 2 Tim 2:18. Upsetting the faith is an evil that makes one a worthless fellow and that evil and person must be completely shunned, cut off, severed from Messiah. “Have nothing more to do with him” (NIV, NRSV). Have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions. Reject him from your fellowship (like mindedness) and have nothing more to do with him (Amplified Bible), for he is a *cause* of division, he sowed the seed of discord and is guilty of a mortal sin (1 Jn 5:16-17).) Some people refuse to be taught because they teach themselves; they have their own anointing; they do not receive the anointing because they have their own. 1 Tim 1:6 speaks about missing the mark. Verse 5 — “the end to be taught, the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” That is the goal of apostolic instruction. That is the goal of “*our*” (Paul's) instruction, Paul says. Some people have missed the mark in this and strayed from these things. If a person is shooting at something (the Kingdom) and misses the mark, he does not enter the Kingdom. Without a pure heart and a sincere faith, he misses the mark and what he hits instead is death because he would not listen to instruction. He refused to be taught. He would rather teach himself—just read the Bible on his own and get his own opinions. He will not listen to his brothers and sisters about these things but drifted away on empty words. People of this kind are ambitious to be teachers. We have to watch certain people to make sure they do not drift away and miss the mark by following their own teaching. Fatal error can come by missing the mark, so we have to pay special attention to some.

Jn 8:31 — If we obey His word, His present utterances as we continue in His word, we are truly His disciples and we will know the truth and it will set us free from whatever causes division and death. Jn 8:51 — We have already passed out of death into life by baptism into corporate oneness, but we have not passed out of missing the Kingdom and going to a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth. However, we have an Advocate. Therefore we have an Advocate. We need that Advocate.

OK, children. It is your time to shout from the rooftop what was whispered in your ear. If we obey His word we will not ever know what being separated from Him means. We will not ever have to be disciplined. Whatever is yours, you have to give it out. You have to exercise your spirit to get it out.

If you are faithful in a small thing, He will give you greater and greater responsibility—He will give you more and more. But if you are not faithful, even what you have will be taken away from you. Whatever you heard in your ear tonight that belongs to you, tell us.

Tamar Nedabah (Age 13) — I always thought that shedding innocent blood was when you killed someone who was innocent, but tonight I realized that it is when you talk about someone when they are innocent.

Knowing that, she is one step closer to obeying it. She is coming to the knowledge of the truth about that; we are becoming sons of God. That was more deeply engraved in my heart and mind because she said that. If she had not shared it, it would not have been more deeply written in our hearts just now. The reality of the new covenant is that He would write His laws on our hearts and minds.

Daniel ben Israel (Age 13) — There are seven things that our Father hates. The worst is division and it can start in one little family and that thing is what our Father hates.

Tobiah ben Meshullam (Age 11) — If you see something about someone that you don't like and tell someone else, you bring division and divide people and someday you will just have to leave.

Nehemiah (Age 11) — I learned that if we always go to different children about what you heard about someone, it can bring division and divide the whole body.

It comes from a root of bitterness. Heb 12:15 — It comes from a root of bitterness and can defile the whole community. The many can be divided by a root of bitterness in your heart against your brother or sister — because you will talk about him to someone else.

Elisheva bat Haggai (Age 12) — I learned how division starts. It can start by a little bitterness in your heart and you tell other people about it and get them to agree with you and then you started division.

Daniel ben Chazaq (Age 16) — There is no division in the Body because we are being made into His image. The Father, Son and Spirit were together, they were one, and we are being made into that image. We are going to have that unity.

Eph 4:1 — We have to walk according to the calling we have been called to, to answer our Master's prayer for unity. You bear with one another *because you love*—overlooking others' faults. There is still death in us if we do not love, forbear, be kind (1 Jn 3:14).

Meshullam — I saw clearly how our Father must hate division the most because this is the character of Satan from the beginning. He divided Adam and Eve from our Father; he divided man from himself. Only if we are in unity does our Father's Spirit dwell in us. His Spirit cannot dwell in Christianity because it is divided. The father of Christianity is the devil. He divided the first edah. He will divide people. He will always divide, never be able to unite. Whoever brings division makes himself as the son of the devil himself because he speaks for him. We have to fight against it, against any spirit or thought that brings division. Our Master never allowed a divisive thought between Himself and His Father. He wants His edah to be the same way. Unity is clearly from Him.

Division comes from deception. He will not deceive the nations any longer when he is bound in the abyss.

Division comes through deception. His schemes are to divide. Our Master came to undo the works of the accuser: accusation is his chief job. Accusations divide.

Ha Emeq — Our Master, in Mt 5:9, said 'blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of Elohim.' Peacemakers will be the ones who rule the universe.

Division starts with small things. For instance someone always leaves the door to the refrigerator open. And you see Tamar do it a few times and someone is there and you say, "Tamar always leaves the door open on the refrigerator. She's been told not to but she always does it anyway. She never learns. ..." Discord is sown.

But, something *does* have to happen that she does not continue to do it: but someone has to correct her instruct her with love. And love will cover a multitude of sins. Some people will be so scatterbrained that you will always have to cover their errors.

A peacemaker will let the person who said that know that that kind of talk was discord. It did not bring peace in our kitchen today. I saw that the opposite of a discordant one is a peacemaker. A peacemaker brings peace, not division. I want to have the blessing of Elohim upon me, and be a peacemaker.

A peacemaker on every crew brings peace in every situation and circumstance in human relationships. If you are not a peacemaker, you will never be called a son of God. Sons of God are peacemakers; that is their nature. Hephzibah — Peacemakers have peace.

Ahavah Shua — I read Pr 12:20 and this spoke to me. Peacemakers are sons of God and have the life of God in them. They have joy. If we are peacemakers we are finished with bitterness in us. That blessing that we will be called peacemakers makes me desire to be a true daughter of our Father.

When we are all in this Holy City, in His temple, there will not be any division there. So where do we learn to be peacemakers? Where is the training ground? What is this life for? This life is to prepare our souls for the next age. We learn in the edah. If we never are peacemakers, we are not sons of God.

David Zerubbabel (Zec 4:9) (our newest brother, from Boston) — I understood why I was so miserable before,

when you spoke of discord within ourselves. I was trying to live the life with all my mind, but not my strength and heart. I did not have harmony in my own soul. I did not have unity in myself. It was why we were miserable. It shows the connection between believing you are doing the right thing with your mind but not doing it.

Haggai — Without unity in us we will not be able to pass on life. If our soul is separated from our spirit, if we are not all centered, we express death. A man with a heart that way, with an evil heart, that is the beginning. Because we start there being divided in ourselves and then bring division in our clan and tribe. If you are one with yourself you will express the deeds of your heart. If you love your Father with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, you will express that and not division. If you obey His commandments, you will express life. I saw that it is like what Daniel said, because our Father is one — that is how He created us to be. Because YHWH your God is one, love him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. If you obey that, you are going to have life and express peace.

Elionai — We can plant seeds of discord without knowing it, without awareness, but I see we have to watch this and be aware of it and judge ourselves.

Shemayah — I always thought a “wicked man” meant someone in the world, but I see that if we do not judge ourselves, we can be wicked men. If we do it unwittingly, we must repent when we see it. Because if we become dull to this, then one day...

Ben Nabi — The first edah, at one point, had one heart and mind, but in Rev 18 you see what it is now — the state of what had been the true, pure edah. Satan deceived the second Eve, even though our Master said be diligent to pray and preserve unity and the apostles warned them. This can happen to us. If we see discord or strife or disunity we must not overlook it but love one another and seek covering and have it judged. Nobody wanted that the edah would fall apart but it was a slow process. We must be on the alert even for such a small thing. We have so many reasons to divide from one another — different mentalities, personalities, characters, nationalities — but it takes seeking the corporate oneness, to hold onto the corporate oneness in the face of things that want to divide us.

N’su Basar — What spoke to me is how seeds of discord come in: If you had a conflict with someone and you say it to someone else so that they’ll say, “Yeah, I know what you’re saying ...” I know that this is a warning from our Father that there would be no division in His Body. It is just like cancer. Cancer is having division in your body. It is like what we heard about what John said, “Always love,” because if you do, you will be a peacemaker because no matter what happens, you will be able to overcome the onslaught of the enemy trying to divide. But your own opinions — you die to yourself to keep the unity with your brothers. I want to have His life that I would be able to love with no division — that there would be no division because there would be love in the Body.

Hasah ba Hagav — I saw that if you are not a peacemaker actively, then you are a scoundrel. You cannot be passive. When your peace is disturbed you have to seek peace, cry out and actively seek peace because otherwise it comes out as discord. You cannot just be in the Body passively, you have to be active.

Our Father’s word is good. It is our only hope. I’m thankful we have the Spirit and the word; we have to have both to accomplish His purpose.

Labeshu — I’m thankful for the Body, that we have a place where we can practice the things we are hearing. Because in the world, we learned all those things: winking the eye, pointing the finger, devising wicked plans in the mind. I learned these things. I do these things. But our Master is making a holy people, apart from the world and these things that we learned in the world, these things can come out of us. I see that in Christianity, there is every evil spirit and there is no way they can change, but I’m thankful we have the Body, a place where we can practice and change in these things.