

## Intentions of the Heart; Good Fruit

We have come out of the nations and we are part of a new nation that is forming, a whole, holy nation. It is a set apart nation — set apart for God's purpose (1 Pet 2:9) — that is all 'holy' means. That is the nation that we are a part of. It is not born yet; it is in a gestation period. It is just forming now, getting all of its features fully developed. But we have come out of the nations where it is appointed for every last person (Heb 9:29) to die and go into death and then there will be the judgment. When I put my trust in the Savior of the world, I died. I no longer live for myself but for Him, the King over the house of Jacob. He is my King. I said, "I'm not going to live for myself anymore, but for You" (Jn 12:24-26). He *knew* my heart. If I was lying, He would not have given me His Holy Spirit. If I had lived for myself for the last 20 years, there would be no fruit (Mt 7:19-20). But the more fruit I see, the more I know I've got the truth — that I've turned my life over to *Him*. When I see you — the marvelous luscious good fruit of Naphtali, it encourages me. When I see the essence of that fruit — love, patience, kindness, self-control coming from you, I get encouraged. But if I didn't see that, I'd think I might be a false prophet — I might be false. That is why he says to beware of wolves in sheep's clothing (Mt 27:15-21). But when we see the fruit, we all get encouraged that something good is going on. That is how we get encouraged — to know them by their fruits. We are the very people of God. And we are part of that new nation that He is forming which everyone has to come into if they don't want to see death. Unless you come out of the world and into this nation, you are going to have to go into that horrifying, excruciating, ugly, painful, awful state of death. No one could ever even imagine how horrible death is. If we spent three days in death, we would *never* be ashamed of our Master; we would *really* live for Him and not ourselves. But we cannot go there and come back; we have to know it by faith. Mt 12:40 — The horror of death is so incomprehensible that it moved our Father to send His Son to the earth to keep *us* from having to go there. So He sent His Son to Israel and Israel killed Him. They treated Him as a criminal, an impostor — they did not receive Him. But all those who *did* receive Him, He gave the power to be sons of God. He spent three days and three nights in death, hell, so we wouldn't have to go there. But then He rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and He sits on the throne in heaven and rules over the house of Israel. Old Israel is cut off until the next age (Mt 21:43). He took the kingdom away from Israel and gave it to a nation who would produce the fruit of the kingdom. (A nation is a distinct people under one government held together by certain laws or a constitution, Eph 2:12). What are the fruits of the kingdom? Love joy peace patience kindness generosity gentleness self control — everything Tikvah wanted and has found. Our Father is going to make a nation full of people who are full of His Spirit (Acts 26:7). Each one was hand-picked and chosen like Tikvah was because He sees in us something that would respond. He sees something in us that we didn't even see. *I* didn't know. I wasn't looking to be a disciple. But *He* was looking for me and brought me out of the world and into the Body, into that nation that He is forming now. How many other nations are there in the world? *This* good news of the kingdom must be preached (Mt 24:14) in *every* nation and then the end of the world will come. It has to be preached as a testimony, *a witness of the fruit of the kingdom*. We are a foretaste of that kingdom; we are something like that kingdom that is coming. That kingdom will be in peace and there will not be any evil spirit present there. That evil spirit will be locked up in a hole and will not be able to get out (Rev 20:1-3; 1 Jn 5:19; 1 Jn 3:8). The nations are still under the power and control of the evil one but we are not. We are living in a foretaste of the kingdom. Rev 20:1-2 — We are living as if he already *was* locked up; we are living in contrast to society. They are doing their own thing; they love evil and they love the world. But we are a society in contrast to the world. We don't love the world anymore. If we did, the love of the Father would not be in us — we would be false. You can tell the love of the Father is not truly in us if we love the world (1 Jn 2:15; 3:17,23).

In the nations there are people who are worthless and useless to God. For God gives every person a chance (Rom 2:14) to do good — according to the natural law in their heart. They know the difference between good and evil.

But if they choose to do evil they are useless and worthless to God and despite how much He loves them, He has to put them in the place He made for worthless things. (Satan and his angels are useless and worthless to God because they did not want to repent. They wanted the glory; they thought they could be like God or greater than God. They said, "How come *He* gets all the glory?" That was Satan's sin. That was an *evil* thing — after all — *He created them*; Mt 25:41 — therefore their fate is sealed.) Adam chose not to do what God wanted him to do, but God still gave him a chance. For this reason God put a conscience in Adam so he could choose to do good even though God didn't expect him to be perfect. But this way he can choose; this way he would not have to go to the second death where Satan and his angels are going (even though everyone has to go to the first death, Heb 9:27). The judgment will determine if a person will go to the second death or not. But God does not want *any* to perish. He *loves every one* (Jn 3:16). He is so good that He does not want *anyone* to be assigned to the place created for Satan and his angels. The nations are going to be judged as to who is worthy and who is worthless. If you are worthless it means you are of no use to God. It means there is nothing good in you; you are not doing anything good on the earth — you prey on other people, you don't work by the sweat of your brow, you didn't keep the one wife you took...- all the things listed in Gen 3:16-19 which is the second covenant which all the nations must live and abide by. If they get outside that covenant, they will become perverted, they will go get a fancy salesman job and prey on people and swindle people, they start going out at night, they don't work by the sweat of their brow anymore — they are violating the second covenant.

So our Father is rescuing people out of the nations and establishing a new and good society where people love one another. This is what God is doing on the face of the earth. Don't despise small beginnings. If you are not in one of those tribes of Israel mentioned in Rev 7:5-8, then you didn't come into the commonwealth of Israel and you are still without hope and without God in the world (Eph 2:12). And if this is not the commonwealth of Israel, then we are no better off than we used to be in the world, and we are still lost, wasting our time here. Or, if after 50 years we are not producing the fruit of the kingdom, you will have lived your life in vain. But we are being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, into a holy temple that is growing up. You have heard this over and over again. Some thrive on hearing it. Some grow dull of hearing it. The Word of God separates the sheep from the goats. Remember, the Word of God is YAHSHUA. He is the Word of God. He is manifesting Himself to us (Jn 14:21 If you love Him affectionately and obey Him, He will reveal Himself to you. If He reveals Himself to you then you will obey Him. Are you one he has revealed Himself to? Are you one who is going to obey Him or not? If we *are* going to obey Him let's give ourselves as a living sacrifice. There is no worshipping Him if we are not giving ourselves as a living sacrifice. This separates the true worshippers from the false worshippers, the real from the unreal (Acts 26:7; Mal 3:16-18).

What about you, are you a pretender or are you sincere? Do you know? Do you know what the intentions of your heart are? Our Father knows; you can't fool Him.

Everything we do reflects our Master in our lives — everything we make, how clean our bathrooms are, how we keep things in our house if they are clean and in order. How we walk up and down the street: saying hello to strangers, picking up paper as we go along — showing that we are part of God's family. What kind of God do we have? A God of confusion or of order? It shows when you look at our house.