

## **Youth** — Bar Mitzvah

## **Introduction**

The understanding of true *Bar Mitzvah* should change our minds about the “teenage” stage of life. We have been so influenced by the world in our present way of thinking. Perhaps this has caused many of the problems that the young people have passed through and are still passing through.

The serious understanding of this new phase in their lives should give them worth and purpose, but do away with this false arrogance that so often seems to dominate many of them (especially when they are together). The time of *Neurim* is the time when they are released from the strong protective hands of childhood and expected to walk out what has been put into them. This is the purpose of the celebration of *Bar Mitzvah*. A badly brought up child will not be allowed to participate in *Bar Mitzvah*. They must be approved by all; only if they have reached the age of accountability and responsibility to obey the commandments and are trained (Pr 22:6) and can be commanded (Gen 18:19) to keep the way of YHWH, as Ecc'cus 16:1-3; 15:11,14-17.

In addition to the *Bar Mitzvah*, each year the group of 13-year-olds and older will have a meeting to discuss the book given to them at *Bar Mitzvah* and other proverbs and verses (Ecc'cus 25 and 26) concerning marriage and wives' character and husbands. They will also be instructed about their changing bodies developing into adulthood, making itself ready for marriage. Older wives will meet with the girls concerning sex education and expectations for godly wives — preparation for marriage to be the help-mate — plus all the proverbs about godly wives. Older men will meet with the boys. This will be a yearly meeting with introductory parts for the new ones, along with increasing revelation to share with all the *Neurim* (youth) until they marry or pass into adulthood.

### **Bar (Bat) Mitzvah — Son of Commandment**

*Mitzvah* — (4687 command) *Bar Mitzvah* — a three-day celebration, with exhortation each day to the youths with parents along with them. It is the parents' joy and the parents know their day will come — to hear how they raised their child up to youthhood. The evidence will be before them — the fruit — good or bad will be before them in the years to come.

The proverbs fitting for the occasion will be read and explained and the youths will comment on each one, on how their parents trained and disciplined them.

### **Confirmation**

**The youths, at this celebration of the youthhood days, are confirmed in the faith of their parents** (Pr 22:6;

Gen 18:19). They will gain strength to profess, to defend and to practice the faith of their parents. To the degree that the parents attended to the needs of the child, the years of youthhood will attest and affirm the parents' loyalty to the word of God and to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Youthhood exposes whether the parents were loyal in their obedience to Mal 4:6; Pr 20:30; 13:24; and especially 22:6. The word says if the child has been trained up in the way of YHWH (Gen 18:19) in youthhood he will continue. If he deviates then the parents are at fault, and found to be unworthy of their child's service in youth. The child will not be able to give them this wholeheartedly, because of the parents' failure (Ecc'cus 7:27-28).

*The following will be taught to the youth:*

Since birth your parents have constantly attended to you in every particular way in every aspect of your whole being. Your personality has been developed so far by your parents' nurturing and cultivation in each aspect: spiritual, physical, social, mental. They have taken care of your every need. Pr 22:6 — During youth you will go on the way you have been trained, in love and respect for your parents whose heart has been turned toward you from birth until now. Now it is your turn for your heart and soul to be turned toward your parents, to serve them diligently for the next seven years or until they give you away in marriage, should you marry during this time. For this reason you were created (Gen 1:28; 2:24). In these next seven years give yourself wholeheartedly to your parents, serve them and make them happy, bring them joy. Remember your Creator (your parents) in the days of your youth and constantly attend to all their needs.

Remember Gen 3:16-19, how your mother gave birth to you in her pains and gave you milk and nourished you. Remember how your father had his heart turned toward you, and was diligent to discipline you (Pr 13:24). Now you are on the path of life. What you are now was determined these first thirteen years of your life. Pr 22:6 — Raise a child up in the way he should go and when he is a youth he will not change, but go on in the way he has been bent, trained. If you have been rectified during childhood you will grow on up to adulthood on the straight course that has been set for your life (1 Chr 28:9-10; Ecc'cus 7:27-28). During these days of childhood your father and your mother have loved you. They have not hated you by sparing the rod of discipline and correction but have disciplined you diligently on the first act of disobedience. Look at Pr 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13,14; 29:15,17. This is Pr 22:6; Gen 18:19; 1 Tim 3:4-5.

From birth your parents have given you their attention, time and energy to raise you up in the place you now stand. You are now ready to run a race for the next seven years until you are an adult, as if you yourself were selected to be one of the 12,000 who will be chosen from among your grandchildren in the future to bear the very seal of the living God, Yahshua, on your forehead. You are His possession — *let no man do me harm and blessed is every man who does me good* (Rev 7:2-4; 14:1).

You are working toward a goal and purpose for your lives — something to give your whole being to. None of you has suffered the unjust results of Pr 19:18. During your childhood you were disciplined. You were disciplined while there was hope; for a parent to discipline his child during childhood sets the course of his whole life. To wait until youthhood is too late. The days of childhood are the days of hope, lest the parents be a party to their death [NASB] (causing their death).

Foolishness that defiles a person (Mk 7:22) has been removed far from you (Pr 22:15) by your parents' diligence to use the rod. Pr 13:24 — Your youthhood will prove your parents' love for you in the testing of your life. Foolishness has no part with you and has caused no leaven in the Body, for it was dealt with. Pr 23:13-14 — Discipline was not withheld from you during your childhood — you were loved, not hated. These next seven years will demonstrate the faithfulness of your parents to you. Pr 29:15, 17 — You will not bring your mother shame, but show your wisdom during these next seven years — give rest to them and bring delight to their heart. This is the fulfillment of the promise YHWH gave to Abraham (Gen 18:19).

Pr 22:6; 2 Tim 3:15; Eph 6:4 — proverbs of wisdom; Pr 29:20; 10:19. You have grown up to be wise young men and women, not fools. You have been trained from childhood to speak properly, appropriately (with a sense of propriety). Mk 7:20-23 — Those things defile you and make you worthless and useless to your God and King. Ecc'cus 13:1 — *Whoever touches pitch will be defiled* — so if you associate with the proud you will come to be like — them (Jms 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5-6).

Ecc'cus 7:27-28 — Your parents. With all your heart, honor your father and never forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that you owe your birth to them. How can you repay them for what they have done for you? For the next seven years you can repay them by serving them wholeheartedly.

Respect for parents is spoken of in (Ecc'cus 3:1-28; Pr 10:1; Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16; Ecc'cus 3:2) Ex 21:17 — *Reviles or curses. To revile is to curse. Revile is to use abusive language or insulting words that hurt or injure — mal-treatment, to treat them wrongfully or harmfully* (Lev 19:3 — Discuss; notice it says *Sabbaths*).

Ecc 12:1 — Days of youth. Be happy in your adolescence (Ecc 11:9-10), in the days of your full grown youth. What you do now, from now on, God will bring you into judgment for. The days of innocence are over and the days of responsibility are here — of accountability for youth and the dawn of life are transitory — passing (into adulthood) and are void and meaningless unless you remember your Creator in this design (Ecc 12:1; 2 Tim 2:22-23; 2 Cor 7:1). Remember your Creator; seek Him out to give you grace during these years, these formative years of accountability and responsibility. You will remember all of these days, and they will go with you all your life (Dt 5:16).

Ecc 11:9 as 12:14 — the days of your youth will also be what you are judged for, they are what sets the course of your whole life as an adult. The prospect of judgment, either praise or blame (Ps 15:1-4; 24:3-6). These

days of accountability means you are now old enough to be judged (Num 15:30-31). You must account for, give an account for the years coming up, the days of youth. You are to remember the Creator in every detail of your life — how you relate to others, the Edah, the social order and your parents — as how you keep and remember the Sabbath and your Creator (Lev 19:3,30; Ps 101; Ps 15).

Ecc 11:9 — The prospect of divine judgment — praise or blame — makes every detail of these days very significant rather than meaningless. To know this will give you direction and vision to your heart and discrimination to your heart as you interact in your household and with the other youths in your social relationships.

Ecc 12:1 — What you do *NOW*, from now on, in the days of your youth, will set the course for your adulthood which will not end, as

Pr 5:11-14 says, if you are wise (Dan 12:2,3,10; Mt 25:2). [The consequences don't come upon you immediately like burning your hand on the stove; because they are long term, they are harder to grab hold of.]

Ecc 11:9 — The prospect of judgment hits home especially now in your coming years of accountability. Praise and blame makes every detail of your coming life significant rather than meaningless. To know and understand this gives direction to your heart and discrimination to your eyes. The stage is set for life — a prolonged life. Gen 8:21 is the tendency “from youth.” Only by remembering your Creator in the days of your youth will your way be preserved (2 Kng 18:12; Job 13:26; Ps 25:7; Pr 7:7; Isa 40:30-31).

Make the most of the days of your youth. Do not follow your own desire — for God will call you into account for everything. Rid your heart of indignation and anxiety. Be careful what your eyes see.

### **The Standard of the Scriptures**

**Appropriate scriptures will be read and explained** making sure the youth know what each one means and are satisfied they have been raised and trained by the word. Each youth will be asked what each proverb means and how it was applied to him or her in their childhood.

These verses will be read first to the youth. Some should be chosen for them to memorize and speak in front of the Body during the celebration:

Duties toward parents Ecc'cus 3:1-18,21,33; 7:27-28; Ex 20:12; Tobit 4:3-6; Pr 23:22

To parents Ecc'cus 7:22-25

Preparing in days of youth for an ordeal Ecc'cus 2:1-2

Self centeredness Ecc'cus 11:2

Gossip Ecc'cus 28:13-26

Lying Ecc'cus 20:24-26

Idleness Ecc'cus 22:1-2

Degenerate children Ecc'cus 22:3-8

Bringing up children Ecc'cus 30:1-13

Etiquette, manners, banquets Ecc'cus 31:12-26

Banquets Ecc'cus 32:1-18

Slackness Pr 18:9; 10:4; 12:24,27 — goes with Mt 12:30. Discuss what this means.

Moderation Ecc'cus 37:29-31

History Ecc'cus 44-49 — Know your ancestors well; you will meet them some day.

Wisdom and instruction Ecc'cus 6:18-37; 7:15

Talking too much Ecc'cus 7:14

Virginity Dt 22:13-21

For example, Ecc'cus 30:7-13: “Whoever coddles his son will bandage his wounds; his heart will turn over at every shout or cry.” As verse 8 says about a horse and pampering your child, the child/youth will be asked whether he was pampered. This is so serious because it is their life that is damaged or saved by the training of their parents. Each youth will receive a book of proverbs especially for him. This book will be kept and read and re-read by the youth.

He will have to give account in adulthood for all he has learned before he can be married and raise his own children. All the sins passed on to him by his parents will be evaluated to see if he is worthy of marriage and

will not be passing on to his children the sins of his parents. A waiting period will be determined based on how they were trained by their parents and how they are responding to these words which were spoken to them in *Bar Mitzvah*. What parent will want his child to marry a fool or one who has lost his or her virginity [who can show no proof (Dt 22)]? Both parents of the prospective bride and groom will be assured in their own heart and soul that their daughter or son are virgins.

Should the occasion arise and it be found to be otherwise (without the knowledge of their parents) this daughter or son will be cut off from Israel. Dt 22:21 — Since the father did not watch over and control his daughter while she was in his house [see *Our Children*], she must now be cut off — forever. Since she did not scream or tell her parents about the incident — being out of their control — the parents will have to answer for the blood of the girl or boy. Ecc'cus 30:7-13 has come upon the parents. Ecc'cus 30:13 — *Have tight hands with your child and persevere with him or you will rue his insolence.*

*Rue* — the sense of loss so deep that no longing or repentance can restore the loss (Heb 12:16,17; 1 Cor 3:15). *Rue* is to feel remorse or sorrow for, regret, without remedy. Pr 29:1 — The parent who hardens his neck after much reproof is broken beyond remedy. There is no remedy for the child or the parents who have obstinacy against the anointing (1 Jn 2:27-28; Heb 10:38). Pr 28:13-14 — The parents never prospered in the Edah for this reason. They concealed their transgression against the anointing (Pr 28:14). Like Pr 29:1-2 is Pr 28:14 — no fear, no salvation, no wisdom. Pr 23:17-18; Heb 3:6; 1 Jn 3:2-3; Pr 1:7. Fools despise wisdom and instruction; Pr 9:10-12; 15:33; Ecc 12:12,13; Pr 9:10-11; Isa 53:10; 1 Cor 11:30; Mt 24:34; Eph 6:3-4; Pr 15:32 — a worthless person indeed; Pr 15:31; Ecc 12:14 — The day of judgment awaits those who hid their wicked attitude from their brothers and sisters concerning child training. Pr 28:13 — This is why they did not prosper. But when they confess and renounce these hidden attitudes they find mercy and compassion. But if only they repented in time, before Pr 5:11-14 (Pr 6:9-11).

Mal 4:6 — If the father's heart was turned toward his child, the child knew it, he sensed it. The child knows he has been loved because he has been disciplined by his father and teachers. He knows they did not hate him because they did not hold the rod back from scouring away evil from his heart. So he knows he is loved and his heart is more and more turned toward them in youthhood to serve them wholeheartedly until adulthood (1 Chr 28:9).

Ecc 12:1 — Solomon is making this appeal. He is admonishing the youthhood days to be fruitful, warning them about the dangers ahead of them of not restraining their awakening desires and to wait until and for their wife or husband, to save themselves to be given away at the proper time to their husband or wife.

Solomon failed in his life — see Ecc'cus 47:20, "You abandoned your body to women. You became a slave to your appetites. You stained your honor. You profaned your stock, so bringing retribution on your children and affliction for your folly. The empire split in two; from Ephraim rose a rebel kingdom" (1 Kng 11:1-8). Solomon writes at the end of his life to the youth to remember their Creator while they are still in their youth, so that in old age they will look back on a fruitful life, having been blessed by God. The term *creator* reveals that a youth owes a great debt to the one who has formed him. How can he do less than to devote his life to them (the Creator and the pro-creators: father and mother). Ecc'cus 3:2,6,7 — Children who are now youth, and so it is with their parents as Ecc'cus 7:27-28 says, "With all your heart honor your father, never forget the birth pangs of your mother." Remember that you owe your life to them. How can you repay them for what they have done for you?

Read: Ecc'cus 3; 2 Kng 18:12; Pr 7:7; Isa 40:30-31 — youth, men.

### **Time of Testing**

**Youth — the first or early period of life. The time of being a youth is a time of testing and examination.**

This period is only a few short years — from 13 to 20, seven years. Seven years, seven full years to be tested and tried and examined — as gold or silver is tested in the fire of your youth. The spirits in the youths are tested to see whether they are of God.

Pr 19:18; 23:13-16; 29:15 — The rod has imparted to him the wisdom which will carry him through the days of youth (Pr 29:17). Discipline is rooted in love (Pr 3:11-12). Pr 13:24 is the key to a child's hope

during the days of his youth. The rod is used by parents who love their children during the days of their childhood, driving out folly (Pr 22:15) so that the children will not follow a path of destruction in the days of their youth (Pr 19:18; 23:13-14). Because the rod and reproof impart wisdom (Pr 29:15) and promote a healthy and happy youth (Pr 29:17), as the child grows up into the days of his youth he will bring delight to your soul. We must have revelation on this one thing. For without (revelation) vision we will perish (Pr 29:18).

From birth to youthhood, the child is trained in a certain way. Eph 6:1 — Children obey your parents. They are reared (Pr 22:6) in the way they should go — and when they are old or in youthhood they will not depart. Youth is that testing period. Now they are *old*, they have been trained in a certain way. In youthhood another type of training commences — in the training and discipline and counsel and admonition of YHWH. Eph 6:1-3 is for children who are now accountable and responsible to the word of God. They are youths who can read with apprehension, and are responsible to obey and are held accountable.

*Dedicate* — Pr 22:6; Gen 18:19; Pr 1:8; 22:15; 4:10 — If something is dedicated, it is set apart for the purpose it was created for — which if not used for that particular purpose, it is deemed worthless and beyond remedy (Pr 12:1; 29:1).

Old or grown = the phase of their life when they reach the days of their youth. (Pr 4:10-13 — straight path; Pr 3:2; 22:15; 13:24)

### **Dedicated Nation**

**Gen 18:19** — Cause and effect. When the parents dedicate their male child at eight days old, they dedicate themselves to raise him up, train him according to the anointing all through childhood so that when at youth, he dedicates himself to the service of his parents. He sets himself apart for seven years (or until the parents give him away in marriage) for his parents — to serve them, stay close to them (Ecc'cus 3:7) faithfully and loyally. He commits himself to that one particular course of action; he devotes himself. He is devoted to them at the dedication celebration. There will be no dedicated nation without dedicated youth — dedicated on the eighth day by dedicated parents.

In these youthhood days, there is no other way to remember the Creator and serve Him except to serve their parents. It is the only way to appreciate the parents for their loyalty to Him (Pr 22:6) and prove his parents' loyalty to him. Salvation is worked out for the youth during these days, walking out his salvation; his circumcision is proven, as well as the parents' dedication to the youth — your dedication to them. During these days of youth, parents are proven to be those who loved their children. To follow their Creator in the days of their youth is the only way they can be saved (Pr 22:6).

The youth will bring disgrace to the parent in the days of his youth if left to himself during his childhood (1 Tim 3:4-5). He will be unprepared to enter into youthhood (Pr 29:15). Pr 23:13-14 — This is spiritual death. Dt 5:16 — Also, if the child, during his youthhood, does not obey Eph 6:1-3, his days will not be prolonged (Isa 53:10; 1 Ths 4:17; Mt 24:34; 1 Cor 11:30). Pr 3:2,7-8; 19:23 — Obedience brings health to the body, adds length to your life (Pr 10:27; 9:10-11). The commandments, the Covenant say (Dt 5:16 and Ex 20:12) to honor and esteem highly, or to praise them highly (Ps 91:15-16), to show respect (Lev 19:3). Lev 20:9; Dt 21:18-21 — In defiance of the commandment, he must be stoned to death. It is a capital offense (Dt 27:16; 13:6-10; Ex 21:15,17). All evil must be purged from Israel. Dt 27:16 — Shall we all say amen with Israel?

### **Father's Heart (Ecc'cus 7:23-25)**

**The days of youth are the days of examination and testing which also shows the father's heart toward his child (Mal 4:6).**

Evil is purged in the New Covenant. Both parents and child or youth must be put in custody to determine the source of evil among Israel if the days of the youth proves fatal for him (Dt 17:2-7; 19:19; 21:18-21; 22:20-24; 24:7 and 1 Cor 5:13). The purpose is to eliminate evildoers (Dan 12:10; Mt 7:23). To eliminate all evil causes and sources, such as parents who were not under the anointing, whose heart was not ever turned toward their child (Pr 20:30; 13:24). The evildoers as well as the evil itself must

be eliminated. No rebellion can stay in the race (1 Cor 9:24-27).

### **Our Failure — Was it Rebellion or Weakness?**

**There is no room for rebellion or obstinacy. Weakness, yes! But rebellion, NO! This is why rebellious youths are tried and tested and eliminated along with their parents** if found guilty of obstinacy and rebellion.

Mal 4:6 is a critical part of the preparation of the bride in Rev 19:7-8 (Eph 2:10; 4:12), the works prepared before the foundation of the earth that we should spend our lives (Titus 2:14) in doing. The very purpose of this ministry is nullified by the negligent parents who are not worthy of the kingdom of God — the absolute ministry of the one who is coming “to turn the hearts...” But if the hearts are not turned to Him, He can do nothing. Thus the parents and child are struck with a curse, instead of the land. But if all the parents do not heed this prophet, they along with the land will be cut off (Acts 3:23; 1 Cor 16:22; Gen 18:19; Dt 7:9-10; Lk 1:17).

Rebellion exists in those who *can't* go to the throne of grace, can't approach it due to the rebellion in them (Heb 4:16). Heb 4:15 speaks of weakness that He is able to sympathize with since He was tempted in every way just as we are. So it is not weakness, but rebellion that keeps one away from the throne of grace, so that they may receive mercy and find grace to help in a time of need (Pr 28:13). Heb 4:14 — We have a high priest. But the rebellious do not hold fast to the faith they profess just as verse 14 says. The days of youth will expose who was weak and who was rebellious. 2 Cor 12:9 — “My grace is sufficient for you; My strength is made perfect in weakness.” My favor, lovingkindness, mercy, is enough for you.

Heb 4:15 — Weakness is defined *as iable to yield, break or collapse under moderate pressure or strain, lacking vigor or ability as a person*. His mind is lacking courage, has little force. Weakness is not being proud either (Jms 4:6). But the “weak” will certainly be excluded from the kingdom if they do not receive help because they do not have faith/confidence. There is a close association between the proud and the rebellious.

Rebellion is open or passive resistance to the word, an open or passive defiance to authority as in Num 15:30-31; insubordinate. Being proud is simply the flesh in control and you sense your own self-esteem, not God's grace. All who have a second birth, a renewed existence — born of God, will love (1 Jn 4:7; Phil 1:9-10).

1 Jn 3:10 — So how could one be rebellious, unless he belongs to the evil one? If we have experienced a renewed existence, we will be able to love and not be rebellious. We will be humble and receive grace. Col 1:18 — We know when we are not giving Him first place. We know when we are cut off from love and happiness (Gal 3:29; 5:24; Rom 8:9).

Weakness is not being too proud to receive grace and mercy to help you in a time of need.

### **On Purity**

**Our children are being purified. Our children are pure virgins when they are married.** They have kept themselves pure. Held themselves. Normally they have never even held a boy's hand. Then when they are married they have no other memories than their wife or husband — totally pure. And we are being made pure for our husband, our Master Yahshua — we are His wife. Our children will be so pure; nothing has entered into their hearts or minds because their parents are keeping them so pure.

1 Jn 3:2-3 — all who have grasped hold of this hope purify themselves. Not all have grasped that hope, so even though the purifying process goes on, the reprobate silver is not purified. It is reprobate silver (Jer 6:28-30). So it is unfit, worthless silver. The impurities cannot be taken out and it is just cast aside. But, of course, if you have gold or silver — you want it to be pure. 1 Jn 3:2 — *Beloved*, us, God's children — we belong to Him through our intimate relationship with Yahshua and it is not yet clear what we shall be after, but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall be like Him, an exact representative of His own nature. We shall see Him as He really is, and He is pure. Everyone who has grasped this hope makes himself pure.

There is no way we can be worthy of Him when He comes unless we are pure — as He is. How pure is the Son

of God? undefiled, guiltless, chaste. Just as chaste as we are raising our children to be married to one another — undefiled. You, through prayer and fasting, are going to select the 12,000 to be sent out. They are pure, undefiled. There is absolutely no discord in them. They are pure and they love, want the best, think the best of one another. They are able to sing the song of God in perfect harmony and unity (Rev 14). It is such an awesome responsibility to raise our children, bringing them back to being married in purity — almost to like they were before the fall — to what God expects of mankind. We are bringing them back to be married in purity. They will be able to sing that song in perfect harmony. No lie was found on their lips for they are blameless, untainted, spotless, without blemish. These youths who are just coming into adulthood are going to be selected. No one can sing that song quite like them and that is how you are going to be able to select them over others. Because you will see the training that they have had in their lives — their parents and grandparents started to raise their children like that. You can see the training the grandparents had in their lives. And they pass it on to their children and their children's children.

That is your basis for selecting those who (Rev 7:4) will be sealed with the seal of God, 12,000 from each tribe. They were pure. They were worthy. They stayed, endured to the end, loved our Master, are worthy of eternal life by being in Yahshua, repaying Him. How do you repay our Master Yahshua for His death for us? It is only by our life. It is the only way we can repay Him.

And the life we give Him will be a pure life because we are going to be pure, because those who grasp hold of this hope purify themselves, because the pure are going to be so pure that they are going to see God. If you see God and you are not pure, you would die immediately. In the Old Testament nobody ever saw God and lived because they were not pure.

### **Restoring Souls**

**The word of YHWH is good, restoring the soul (Ps 19:7-11). Just think how damaged our souls are.**

Was your soul damaged — by the job you used to have, the college you attended? Some people think they are not so damaged, but they were damaged, almost beyond repair. For some of us it takes a longer time than others to restore our damaged soul. Just think about your soul for a while. What is your soul? What is wrong with your soul? Is there anything wrong with it? There is not too much wrong with Hadassah's soul because she was raised almost four years in the community. [Hadassah is Anav's 13-year-old daughter.] And then here is 1½-year-old Naftali [ben Nahaliel] — his soul is being protected from such damage. Our children's souls are being kept under protection (Rev 14:1-5).

By the time you were Naftali's age you were having your sense of reality destroyed with TV, cartoons, fantasy books, stories about witches and ghosts and Frankenstein and Donald Duck — crazy idiotic stories designed to stimulate children in a way that ruins them. These things are written on our soul; indelibly printed in our brains. All you have to do is recall it — 30 years ago — and there it is — all the things that we learned. But the children are way ahead of us in redemption. Their souls are going to be restored a lot faster. We are the stem. We have come directly out of the world, out of the environment of the evil one, out from his influence — and we are damaged. But they are going to excel us. It takes us 30 years to be where they are going to be in a year. They are going ahead of us to be the Male Child — every generation more and more pure, more and more able to be in harmony and perfect peace — blameless — not defiled by what we were defiled by.

Rom 12:2 — Transformed by the renewing of our minds. Our mind is being renewed — restored. It says that it is being renewed; so that means that the mind is damaged and needs to be renewed. Some people do not think that their mind needs to be renewed; they are satisfied with their mind, but they do need to be transformed by the renewing of their mind, no longer conformed to this world. Because we were all damaged — in school, and even though our parents may have done the best they knew how, they even damaged us because they did not know much. We learn a lot by the word.

(Yesterday our children went to a science expedition. We judged it before they went and trusted that this was not going to damage our children, but that they would learn things that go along with the bible and creation. So there must be nothing that would damage our children's minds so that later they



would have to be renewed. Sometimes we can damage our children, so we must carefully judge these things because one wrong recommendation can ruin, hurt, damage your child.)

It is a full-time job of the parent to bring about this *restoration* in their children. But many parents have a great lack. They have lost their *brooding instinct*. They need help. In these areas we need especially gifted people to take on being “foster” parents, to help those with lacks or with larger families. This does not mean you have lost your child. It means you are saving him by getting help from others. *Foster* means to promote the development of growth, to bring up, to nurture, to rear.

Many families in the olden days had tutors. They were incorporated into the family. They tutored the child up until he was a youth, and then turned them over to the parents. *Tutor* means private instructor, one who gives additional, special, or remedial instruction. This will be a special means of grace for the weak parent, and also give great purpose to those “gifted” single people. This should be a great honor for them.

We are coming to have the mind of Messiah. It is not a fallen mind, but a mind being renewed to rule with Him in the next age. And if our mind is not being renewed, we are not going to be fit to rule with Him. That is the process we are going through here — our mind being renewed, purified, sanctified. We are learning to exercise dominion over our fallen nature.