

Friends, One With Another — Ohevi

Last night as the whole tribe (both the farm household and the city household) was sitting around in the upper court, the people who had been saved during this past year (almost the whole tribe) were sharing a little bit about how it was for them when they first heard our Master Yahshua speak to them. One of our guests expressed his need to be saved. We all got on the bus and went to the water and there others expressed their hearts. Yoneq said that people are either blessed or cursed by their confession. We have to take them at their word. They will either be blessed or cursed by it. And so six people went into the waters of baptism just as the city of Londrina was 'exploding' with fireworks and little bombs at midnight on the new year.

Just a few hours later, at the morning sacrifice, Yoneq spoke about friends [also see notes of 1 December 1992 — Friend (AHEB)].

Isa 41:8 talks about a friend. We must be a friend of Yahshua — that means we have affection for Him. If we do not, our relationship is severed from Him. "You are My friends if you do what I say. You *have* affection for Me *if* you do what I say." Love and *friend* comes from the same root in Hebrew. It means to have affection for. That affection is not just a fallen, emotional, waning affection. People in the world get married a few times saying they'll love each other till death do us part, and then a year later they part.

Last night these new disciples began a friendship with YHWH through Yahshua — a relationship that will *never* be severed and never wane — if we obey Him. The word is given to us so we can obey, so our relationship will never wane. (Jn 15:14). If you are lacking grace, go to the throne — that is where you will find all your needs met — at the throne. You will be My friends if you obey My commands, My words. We have been joined to Him to obey Him and be submissive to Him, just like a wife and husband are joined together for the husband to love her and the wife to be submissive to him. It is like the way God made man (man/woman) — He is our head, and we are together with Him now. The Father, Yahshua, man, woman — that is the order of friendship.

Now remember, friendship is affection. We don't have affection only for some people in the Body, seeking out only one person all the time, excluding others. We don't seek out exclusive relationships with people we are more inclined to, who we would like to be with, thus forming clichés in the Body, creating party spirits. This is actually a faction in the Body which is what Gal 5:22 talks about. If you only seek out one person all the time and they are the only one you want to talk to, it is a fleshly relationship, not a spiritual relationship. We are married to the Body, we seek out everyone to be with, not just the certain ones we naturally gravitate towards in our flesh, the ones we would have been friends with in the world, the ones who suit you — they agree with your intelligence. If you are being drawn to that person more than someone else you might be saying, "Well, I can talk with them better. I can relate to them better." But we have to resist that spirit or we will form clichés and parties in the Body. Let's seek *everyone* out and be a friend who sticks closer than a brother. The covenant we have made is to love (have affection for) our Master Yahshua and to love *one another* as He loves us (not just one person). Say for instance you like Neshef and you only like to talk to Neshef and you just want to cling to her all the time and you don't necessarily like Martha. Well, that is not loving one another. Our love has to be equally distributed in the Body. If we love one and not another, then we have not passed out of death and into life. We know we are in life because we love *one another* — one another — understand? If we are *in* the Body, we love *the brethren* — we love all (1 Jn 3:14,23). So we must resist exclusive relationships — always being drawn to and talking to one person, always wanting to be only with them. We have to resist that because it is a sign of a fleshly relationship — it ends up in division, broken relationships, causes hard feelings among the brethren — it is not godly. We are commanded to love as He loved. He laid down His life for us and we are to lay our lives down for *one another* (1 Jn 3:16). That is the covenant. Remember that as you start out in your walk with Yahshua — or as you continue — that we are to love *one another*. We get a good start with this every morning in

our sacrifices — we open ourselves up to everyone in the household as we greet everyone in the household, not just coming and talking to and greeting only one person. Instead we get rid of that tendency, that driving force in us to just be around one person, and we train ourselves to go to others. Who? 1 Cor 12:22-25 — especially to those who lack. It is no trouble for me to be around those who don't lack, but to be around those who do, it *requires* something of me — it requires me laying down my life. If you have, and there is something a person doesn't have, it requires that you give something to them — it requires you giving out of what sustains you. That is how the Body is equalized, how there are no divisions, how there is the same care. That is what the *Body* is. We married the Body and the Body is going to marry Yahshua. We individually married the Body — we are joined together in the Body — married. And now we, collectively, are preparing ourselves to marry Yahshua. We are married to one another and right now we are betrothed to Him. We have a marriage relationship with one another. So therefore we are to seek one another out to help one another. Heb 3:13 — It is a daily seeking out of people to give encouragement, aid, and help to them (Heb 10:24). To seek them out is to devote yourself to that end — of being a friend to one another (Jn 15:13). We *are* brothers, but now we want to be friends. We are brothers because YHWH is our Father.

We have the same Father — we came to Him through Yahshua. We pray to the Father through Yahshua (Jn 16:23-26). We make our request to our Father through Him. He did not reconcile us only to Himself, but He reconciled us to the Father. Therefore we have one Father and we are all brothers.

So we are all brothers and sisters, *but* are we *friends*? Are we friends? Are we ohevim? We *become* friends. A friend must be friendly. You must *be* a friend if you want a friend. Do you like to be with one person or two people more than anyone else? Do you seek out the friendship of the lowly, those who are less gifted, those who are weak, those who lack? If not, you are headed toward a schism in the Body. We must let the Holy Spirit draw us to the ones who lack, the ones who are needy. You don't necessarily have to be drawn to those who feel sorry for themselves, but to the needy. If you feel sorry for yourself you are wasting your time — it is the flesh — you need to repent. Self pity is not godly, it is fleshly.

We are here to become friends. How do we do it? By being friendly. It means more than just having a smile on your face. First you have to be a friend of Him. First of all you must seek out your friendship with your Master Yahshua. That is the priority. *He* is preeminent. You must seek *Him* first. *Don't* try to be friends with your brothers without friendship with Yahshua. It is a waste of time for you are only going to be friends in the flesh. Remember, if you walk in the light as He is in the light you will have fellowship with friends — one with another — and the blood of our Master cleanses us from all sins. Seek out your friendship with Him. Keep your communion with Him. Keep your covenant. Yahshua is sovereign. He is your everything. And if He is, you are going to have friends — you will have brotherly love and affection for each other. But if you don't maintain your affection for Yahshua, you won't obey Him. You will not be able to obey someone whom you do not have affection for. Aheb (Ohevi) means to have affection for — not in your fallen emotions, but in your restored emotions. You have control of your emotions. That is your restored emotional makeup. Your soul is made up of intellect, emotions, and will — and it is powerful if it is controlled by the spirit. Your spirit is more than willing. It is powerful. It is the greatest force that ever existed that God has given man and with the spirit and the will you can control your emotions and love one another properly.

An exclusive relationship is having a relationship with one person that excludes others — it is selfish, fleshly, it ends up in bad feelings and bears bad fruit. It is abusive to others, making them feel less loved than another person. It has a tendency to hurt others. Let's remember that this is how the Body functions (1 Cor 12:22-25). Apart from that, we become severed from Messiah.

We help one another change. We work along with the Holy Spirit to help one another change. Crisis' in our lives always change us. We are never the same after it. Conversion is the greatest crisis. Remember, every morning there probably will be people who have withered conditions. So stick out your withered hand and it can be healed — that is why it is in the gospels. It wasn't just written so you can read it

and say, "oh what a nice story." It applies to us in the body if we want to be healed. That is why the gospels are written — it is for us in the Body.

Yael — First we have to be His friend and second to your brothers. If you believe in your Master, then you will give everything to your brothers.