

Keeping the Traditions

Nahaliel — I know that the way my tribe or clan is is the way I am. It's a reflection of what I allow or don't allow. What I want to be guided by is the anointing in every aspect of our life. The authority is given to me for that purpose, and if I can't command obedience then I don't have any authority.

1 Tim 3:4-5 — We have to be the supreme examples, not wasting time watching the news on the Internet... We have to guard the wonderful environment that we have been given in which to be protected from the enticements of the world. Let our children be fascinated with taking care of goats and building houses... Mevaser spoke of the passion of the old hippies in that section of northern California for a sustainable life. How can we be a light to them in this area if we are living a life of comfort and convenience?

2 Ths 2:15 — “Therefore brethren stand fast and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle” (NKJ). Hold fast, stand fast. Then he goes on in 2 Ths 3:6, “We command you, brethren, in the name of our Master Yahshua ha Mashiyach, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.” So, that would be walking disorderly if they're not walking in traditions received from Paul. So, what would be the greater sin, the person who is not walking in the traditions, or the person who does not withdraw from him? Which is the greater sin? The command is, “Withdraw, have nothing more to do with that person.” You might say, “Don't treat him as an unbeliever but as a believer in order to correct him, that he would know.”

If we never withdraw from people who are walking disorderly, not in the traditions, then *we're* the disorderly ones. You can't just look at that without being well balanced. There are traditions that are not in the Bible, e.g., drinking water. It's good for you in order to maintain good health. Traditions are not just Bible lessons or learning, like Christians might think. It's not doctrines.

A nation is built on traditions. Certainly you can obey the traditions and not be led by the Spirit to do it. Then, of course, you're under the Law and accursed anyway.

You have to be led by the Holy Spirit to obey the traditions that were given by the Holy Spirit, which is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. So if someone is disorderly, stubbornly not keeping the traditions, then you withdraw from him. It is not just if he fails one time, but is consistently doing these things and being a bad example to others. Be on guard against those who don't withdraw from the disorderly ones. Don't have anything to do with them.

You understand I'm trying to make a point here. I know we can legalize this and go back and say, "What about this?" and "What about that?" being exacting tyrants. But Paul told them to do something, didn't he? Maybe they didn't do it and that's why the Thessalonians are not here anymore. Go to Thessolonika, and you will see that they are not there. Where are the Thessalonians? We went to several towns and looked for them, but we couldn't find them. So therefore, a whole community can be disqualified if they walk disorderly, if they are not walking according to the traditions. So who doesn't have anything to do with them? The messengers. They don't walk there anymore.

There were eight churches in the area covered by the letters in Revelation. Troas was a marvelous metropolis, a thriving community, but the apostles didn't walk there anymore. They were already gone; they had left their first love and their lampstand was taken away. They weren't even mentioned in Revelation. There should have been eight apostolic centers. Look on a map sometime. Troas had already fallen away. That's why we have seven regional areas in the tribal area; that's what we went by. There are probably communities where we don't even walk anymore; they are doing their own thing. If so, and you still have conviction, flee to the next community where they have sextons. Well, how lovely will a dwelling place be if they don't have sextons to keep order? How lovely would this boat be if it weren't for Yoceph? It wouldn't be very lovely; you wouldn't want to stay here. God would not be here.

When ha-êmeq and I traveled around looking for communities we knew God wasn't there. It wasn't lovely. The screen door was missing; it was dirty; no one mowed

the grass. They didn't have sextons there, no care. That's why we said last year in Peace River that if there is no sexton, flee. How long have we been talking about sextons? How many years? How long have you heard this? A long time, haven't you? And I would say, right now, that the majority of people in this room don't have consistent sextons where they live. *Sextons* (plural), not just one, taking care of the house, having that box so everyone in the house is taking part in keeping that house orderly and lovely.

They are putting their suggestions in that box and the sextons are taking them out once a week and taking care of pressing needs, the greatest needs to get fixed. The household head will meet with them and they'll get it done. People coming in who have change in their pockets will put it in the box and then you'll have a little bit of money to fix things. See how much money people have in their pockets as they come back from somewhere. Maybe they didn't bring the change back because they were thinking about getting ice cream or something. But it adds up when you talk about a thousand people. Once in Sus we collected \$2,000 in spare change.

How much does a regular, big community have in their pockets, on their shelves, in their own piggy banks? We have to think about the whole Body, not being like Ananias and Sapphira. Then the Body will prosper, it will get off the ground and fly. There wouldn't be this petty stuff that keeps us back. I know that some people need money. They just have to have money...

Not everyone can have an automobile. I've heard people complain, "How come I don't have an automobile?" "Well you don't need one; it's not your function in the Body. What are you going to do with the thing? Shine it and polish it up? No one's going to send you anywhere in the thing." Not everyone needs a car, but some people do. It's just how it is, if you don't like it, then wait for the judgment, and you'll be judged for complaining, and if they're misusing that car, then they'll be judged.

Some people have their own little cars so that on the Sabbath they can run off to the beach. If they need to go to the beach and it's known that they're going because of a

disorder, then it might be OK. But too many people take advantage of it. So help people to see this. I know a person who is outside the Body now because he complained that he didn't have a car and someone else did. And it didn't go well with him. "What would you do if you had one? Who would send you anywhere in the first place?"

Yadutan — I see there is unbelief in my heart when I don't believe what our Father is telling us will happen. 1 Chr 28:8-10 — Our Father wants us to love Him with all of our hearts, and if we do, we will keep the anointing.

Nahaliel — Yônêq is passing on the plans to us as if we were his children. We've been chosen to build the house and we have the building blocks that shape the Community. You think the plans won't work but there is a lot of vision behind it.

If we do as Yadutan read, the fact is that if we seek Him we will be able to put all our enemies under our feet, all the things that distract us or occupy space in our hard disks for those who understand computers. You only have so much space in there and if you occupy it with other things you won't have space for these things Yônêq said. They won't fit. If you love the things of the world and you depend on them, then you won't have space for love in your heart and you won't love your brothers and won't even notice that you ignore the least of the brothers. You won't even notice it. You will just run right over them. It will be like second nature to you. You will just think, "He has a problem; he is always pestering me."

You will go down some tube to a trash can somewhere. That is what will happen to our communities if we don't take these building blocks, the traditions, the actual outpouring of the foundation which is love. The foundation is love, but the traditions express it. You have to keep those children apart; you can't let them run around by themselves, destroying your community. If you see it, we have to shake the community so they don't have time together because they can't judge themselves. When they can't judge themselves, they can't be together.

Child training teachings put us right on course and our children won't be leaving the Community. The reason they leave is because we've done something wrong and often it's the leaders who have done something wrong because they didn't take these traditions and put them into place and give them priority at the expense of our own comfort. Our own comfort is many times having the money we need to sustain the things we think are necessary. They all add up until you have large bills for electricity. We went through our community and took out 60 watt bulbs,

and put 40 bulbs, to save \$20 a month. A man can do it in one hour, but it all adds up. And the toilet paper... “Yeah, sure, here is Nahaliel talking about toilet paper again.” But it all adds up. We won’t have synergy if we’re not on the same wavelength. The plans are there; we just have to have the grace to use them.

One brother shared that considering these things he should not go back to his community, or he should withdraw from the other leaders there...

Or they might withdraw from you. Both could withdraw from one another. We have to have proper judgment on everything. You see things they should be doing; they see things you should be doing. In a lot of ways it’s true that we are adjusting and in transition, but that doesn’t give us an excuse when you *can* have sextons but you don’t. If you have a house and an orderly community, you can have song practice. That is, if we want to sing other songs, or we can sing the same ones over and over and over and over again. It’s just practical. How else can you do it except by this little time we have after the minchah? The elders shouldn’t have a problem with that.

Shoresh — If you’re part of the government, you need to take total identity and say, “Brothers, *our* community is faltering here.” You can’t separate yourself. Your brothers, in the same spirit, will say, “Yes, that’s right. We’ve got to do something about it.”

We go to the minchah every morning and evening, and it represents that we see how to stay on concourse by being in a circle, by seeing all the way around and hearing from everyone. I’ve got blinders. I can see fingers here, but I can’t see my fingers wiggling out there. Every government is that way. We’ve always been taught, be on guard for yourselves and for all of the flock.

If this is happening in your community, go to the leaders, let them know what your heart is, and if they don’t listen to the least, they can’t be leaders, can they? Who are they leading? People are going to be like the teacher. They might give you a good reason why they can’t do it now, or just put it off until the Race and there is no preparation. No time to get ready. This is the time to get ready. “On your mark, get set, ready, go!” You can’t get ready after the Race begins or you’re disqualified in the very

beginning. Then our Father has to come and smite our land with a curse because the leaders of a certain tribe weren't worthy.

Withdraw from anyone who is not keeping the traditions. If someone has accusations against a leader, an elder, do not listen to him except on the witness of two or three others. That's what Paul told Timothy. Timothy was an apostolic worker and he couldn't even listen to accusations against an elder unless there were two or three others saying the same thing. Then, expose him before all, that all will fear. So maybe he has a different way of having sextons, has a different mind about things.

Anyone can go up to any leader and say, "Could you help me understand this?" And speak to the leader and say, "If we are supposed to be doing this, why aren't we doing it? Is that right?" Then maybe he says, "Well, the reason is that I don't care what Yônêq says. I have my own mind about things. I am the big man here." They might not say that in so many words.

Zerubbabel — That's what Diotrephes said in 3 Jn 1:9-10.

Exactly. The natural mind would say, "Well, you can't do that." But the spiritual mind would say, "It's not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." So then you'd pray, "Father, I know that we can't do it in our own natural abilities. It's impossible. There's no way, because it's not by might, nor by power, but by Your Spirit." Then He makes a way for us. But if we never have this mind, then we're natural-minded. We're natural-minded leaders raising up natural-minded people. That's all there is to it.

Who wants the Body to be built up more than anyone? Our Father. But He can't do it with natural-minded people. Why should He? I know that these are difficult times. One of the reasons we don't send out walkers is because we don't have enough people, and the reason we don't have enough people is because we don't send out walkers. How do you solve that?

Phineas Maqor — The evil one loves to complicate things. Some people come to me and say, "Give me \$10 a week so I can start losing weight."

“Why?” “Well, I can buy this and buy that, change my diet here.” But it’s very simple. Control your appetite, control your weight. We have the teachings. We can read all these books to find out that what Yônêq has been saying is true. The teachings have to go to the edge of the robe. Control your appetite, control your weight. You don’t need to go to the library to study this. Cleaning solutions are the same thing. There is amazing wisdom, but we need to pass it on to the edge of the robe so we can have the simple life.

If it doesn’t go to the edge of the robes, then that is the place where He does not command His blessing, which is life everlasting. That’s what makes that place the place where He commands His blessing. It’s got to go down to the edge of the robes. One of the shortest Psalms says more than anything else. It’s impossible to think that Christianity is the place where our Father commands eternal life.

When you go back to your places you have to take these things back. We are not talking about the things we came here for, but the Holy Spirit is like the wind. He knows what we need to hear more than anything else.