

Remove Every Obstacle*(Letter from Racham)*

Dear Yoceph,

We were encouraged to share some of the oil we have been receiving from the things our Father has been showing us in the anointing. After what Daniel shared at the last worker's meeting I wanted to write someone there about sowing discord and obstacles. I am sure you have taken care of it already, but I thought these notes might be of help to you. I am sending you some handwritten notes I did from our Sabbath Eve Celebration last week. Chavivah typed them up but it will probably be awhile before there are corrected and mailed out. (So these haven't been corrected by Yoneq yet, but I believe they are substantially in accord with the spirit of what we heard that night.)

I was thinking about who lived in Bellows Falls and I realized that I probably know Ma'aminah the best but someone told she might not even be there right now. Then it dawned on me that for what I wanted to send, you would be the best, although now that I think of it I remember that you are probably moving soon. Anyway, I hope these help.

I don't know if you know this but Yoneq speaks highly of you. He has said you write him almost every week. He has used Ecc'cus 30:18 many times since you sent him that letter. It has become a standard part of what he talks about. He is trying to help us be the royal priesthood that will praise his name.

One of the topics in the Sabbath Eve Celebration is sowing discord. We have heard much about that because of all the damage Derush did to people's reputations. It is really terrible and it has dulled many of us. We are being cleansed of defilement. It is painful at times but so encouraging. As you can see in the notes Yoneq has also spoken of our houses, and what Yahshua would do if He were here. It is so encouraging that He wants us to fix them and to pay our bills so that He can have a good name. Not only that, not paying them is demoralizing and then, if you do give away what is not really yours to give, you do not even receive any credit, you have just done it for yourself. We are being liberated in so many ways and restored back to the foundation of loving one another. It is a breath of fresh air. It is springtime.

We talked about springtime a lot this weekend, how it has been a hard winter in every way this year. Ha-emeq spoke about how she grew up in southern California and people from the east would ask her if she missed the seasons. Well, she didn't know to miss them. In the same way our weather is cold to Sameach but warm and refreshing to those of us who went through the New England winter. We appreciate the springtime more. It is the same way with those who go through suffering, they give thanks all the more, they are happier than those who didn't go through them.

A good example of this is Salome. She is a liberated woman. She has shared more in the last few weeks than in the last few years put together. She has suffered more with all of this than anyone. Her spirit is surging ahead because she is loving in her suffering just as though she were not suffering. She is realizing the virtue of suffering. Her children are doing well, although of course there are hard times. She is receiving a lot of support from her household. We all love her so much.

The day after those notes on April 10, Yoneq was sharing about Isa 57:14. The brothers who go to the apostolic worker's meeting on Tuesday may have shared something about this. The essence of it was that those who have things to say and don't share them become an obstacle in the Body. Eventually they are put on the shelf. But we are to be a liberated people.

Isa 57:14 illumines who we are as God's people and why we were chosen. These words are prophetic; and they will be said again and again. None of us need to be eliminated but He has to eliminate some of us in order for Lev 25:8 to begin — the seven-year cycles to bring about the year of Jubilee. (Something every disciple prays for every day — for Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory — this is a prayer that the year of Jubilee will come about, Mt 6:13.)

"Build up,...You have to remove every obstacle." It is not anything, it is anyone. Anyone who is an obstacle will be removed. Yoneq then read through verse 21 — the wicked cannot even sleep at night. A wicked, lawless person is one who is not doing everything they can do to build up the Body. An obstacle is a person who holds up progress. He holds down, weighs down the Body — this obstacle must be removed.

1 Cor 9:24-27 — Those who race have to prepare for it before they race. Otherwise even Paul would have been removed. He feared this would happen, he had a godly fear. God lives with the contrite of heart. Isa 62:10 — We are to go through these gates. We are to prepare the way for the people, and build up, build up the highway. Verses 11-12 are the redeemed of Yahshua — this city has been deserted since the second century, it must no longer be deserted.

Eph 4:16 — If we don't lift up this standard; that is, if we don't do something because someone else doesn't, than we are in total rebellion. (This should be an end to not doing our chores if we can find someone else who is not doing theirs.) We are so foolish to compare ourselves with others. We are to compare ourselves with the Word. We are to love with the love He has poured out into our hearts (Rom 5:5).

May our Father continue to bless you. I thought I heard that you had just gone on a waiting period. May our Father speak clearly to you and her and the Body about it. I love you with the love of Messiah. Pray for the Freepapers we need to produce.