

The Way Up is Down

I guess everything boils down to what our Master commanded or instructed us in Mt 7:12. After everything is said and done, it comes to the rock-bottom reality of doing what He said. We even teach our children that. Even in the world they teach that. All my life I was taught that. Even in school I was taught that — the golden rule. This is the ultimate, the fulfillment of the law and prophets. I remember being taught that. I wonder if ever anybody did that. We were all selfish, living for ourselves. There was no motivation there to do this, except maybe a selfish one.

Like the young men here that are working with Chanowk on the roof — I was thinking about headship and crew heads. We serve our Master who is the head of the Body, but we serve Him through those who have more faith, grace, and wisdom than us. You can't worship Yahshua who is the head of the edah, the king, without submitting to your brothers and sisters. If you bypass one of them, you are proud. If we do this and then think we can praise and worship our Father, that's a contradiction.

Eph 5:21 — Submitting to one another is how we submit to our Master. We fear Him and reverence Him like that. That's how we do unto others as we want to be done to us. It's rock-bottom reality. We can judge ourselves by that pretty accurately. We can judge what kind of relationship we have with Messiah by how we respect and react to others. If we are really in communion with our Master we'll be in communion with each other. First we seek fellowship with Him, then we are at peace with all men. The only way we can do this is by the Holy Spirit. He only gave this commandment knowing that He would give us His Holy Spirit. In the world they can do it to a certain degree. How much more should we do it so that the world would believe?

1 Pet 4:12 — The “fiery ordeal” is permitted to test and try you. The last thing to be redeemed is our body when our Master returns. Our spirit is already redeemed (1 Cor 6:17). Now He is gaining, redeeming our soul. It is only that much restored as we allow the Holy Spirit to do this. It's according to how much our mind is like Messiah's that we'll be worthy of Him in the next age. There is a process going on. We hope that He'll be Sovereign over it before this age ends. Every day is a great trial. That's the only possibility that we can grow. Our soul only can advance through circumstances. We can take ourselves away from all circumstances, put ourselves into a sterile environment, and nothing would happen. These things are the catalyst. The more we react like our Master, the more redeemed our soul is. These things test us to see how we react. We come to a point of development.

Phil 3:14,12,13 — Forget the evil things we've done in the past, those evil impulses. Verse 15 — “As many as are mature,” as maintain that level of maturity. We go from one level of maturity to another. I am so thankful that our Father gave this to us so we can grow.

Today you have the opportunity to serve your crew head just like our Master. Even if he is kind of rough, you still serve him. This is how you gain a certain kind of maturity. Verse 16 — You come to a certain attainment. Don't go back. That is time behind you. You've attained a certain level. Verse 12 — Messiah grabbed us to do a certain thing in our lives — to conform us to His image.

1 Pet 2 — Read it before you go to work today. Even though there are no more slaves and masters that we know of, as far as relating to the Body of Messiah we still can apply this. That's not the only place in the New Testament that teaches us how to relate to masters. Even in Germany they call them masters if they attained a certain skill.

Let's say Chanowk is a master on the roof. I'm just using him as an example. You might say — “I know more than him, he ought to submit to me.” That's pride. God will pulverize you and tear you down because He can't stand pride. 1 Pet 5:5 — Young men, submit to your elders. The way up is down first. Let's find out who is humble and who is proud today. Little children are so submissive, so dependable.