

Two Kinds of Child

Lk 1:17 speaks of *TWO* kinds or types of children. Even in the world this is obvious. Remember in your own family growing up, your brothers and sisters. Some of them were naturally “in line.” Some were “out of line” (incredulous as one translation of Lk 1:17 puts it). Some were “obedient.” Others were not obedient, but rather had to be persuaded by argument or authority, but mostly unpersuadable by normal means, unusual or abnormal means had to be used to make them “obey” — even from infancy, early childhood. While others were easily persuaded, they were inclined more than the other to not go along with “the flow.”

You can see these kind of children *now* as adults have made it into the community — *chosen*? Yes. But in their flesh they are still just as obstinate as (you know what). They have made their way into the Body all right, but entering the Kingdom is another story. There will not be any of those *kind* who persist in their ways in the Kingdom. No more than those listed in 1 Cor 6:9-11 or Gal 5:19-21. A change or transformation is in order. Rom 12:2 — The change is mostly of the *mind*. Their mental and emotional makeup must take a radical turn about to be of any use in the kingdom. They are those who may have a tendency in them to *destroy* (see section at end on those who destroy; 1 Cor 3:16; Isa 49:17). All who name the name of Yahshua must all be “with Him” (Mt 12:30).

#545 in the Greek — “Disobedient Ones” (Lk 1:17). Look at it sometime and look up the definitions and you can judge yourselves perfectly right — **THIS IS YOU!**

Contumacious — yes, stubborn disobedience, contrary, contradictory, discordant, and even cantankerous. (Know any one like that, with these inclinations and predispositions?)

This is exactly what Luke said by the Holy Spirit. There will be those who are almost *unpersuadable* — hardly can be persuaded by argument, charm. They are hard to convince. They are always in danger of the *second death* in the world and also in the Body of Messiah — if that one was persuaded to become a disciple at all.

But Lk 1:17 speaks of *our children* having these same tendencies and predispositions. “The disobedient ones to the wisdom of the righteous” — or in other words, like the other type of child or personality (Dan 12:10).

You have seen it — at parks or supermarkets. A mother or even father has one child seemingly under “perfect control” while the other is “raising hell,” so to speak. One will not obey, so the parent is reasoning, persuading, arguing, threatening the child. But the child does what he darn well chooses, so to speak, ... and the parent pleads with the child all the while.

Another way that Lk 1:17 could read is that the father *HIMSELF* is one of “those kind” ... “to turn the heart of the father to their children and the disobedient father to the wisdom of the upright, to make ready a people — both parent and child alike.”

Luke gives us understanding about the “wise child” and the “unwise” or “disobedient one” who lacks the right insight and understanding, who can be won over to the wisdom of the upright child by the father’s ministry in their life — “learning obedience by what they suffer” (Heb 5:7-9). This is how all true obedience is learned — by the pain of discipline. Pr 20:30 is the prime word that proves Mal 4:6 has taken its proper toll on all disobedience (2 Cor 10:3-6). The result is the heart is won of both types, both now are producing the fruit of the kingdom. Both are doing it, even though one took much more attention from the father on the part of the one whose temperament was bent from inheritance more than the other child whose temperament was not so damaged and disfigured. Some have inherited strengths while others have inherited weaknesses. The restoration of man is the greatest rescue mission God will ever undertake — and He can do no more without it completed. Acts 13:39 — The word is not just *justified* but it means delivered, freed — finally come to see it and receive the grace to heal all our maladies. Jn 14:21, not just forgiven them but heal. Forgiveness is essential but useless without the healing and setting us free from ALL our wrong ways.

Children of Disobedience

Eph 2:2-3; Eph 5:6; Col 3:6

In Eph 2:3 it says “children of wrath.” The inevitable end of children of disobedience in Eph 2:2. This is both in the world and in the Edah. The very same temperaments are inherited from the parents. Ex 20:5-6 — Here we see the difference between the two kinds of children, and the decision they must make — the road they must get off of and the road they must get on to (Mt 7:13-14).

The mood and manner of society is shaped by the advantage Satan took in the sons of men at the fall (the inroads he made). Eph 2:2 — It is not hard to see when all are taught by God (Jn 6:44-45). God shows mercy to thousands who love Him and keep His commandments. But He pours out His wrath on those who hate Him. That is fair, isn’t it? Especially of those who have the great opportunity to know Him and love Him and keep His commandments (Heb 4:16). Eph 2:2-3 — The prince and the power of the air — ~~the~~ spirit who now works in the children of disobedience, both in the world and in the Edah, if he can (2 Tim 2:26). Jude 21; Rom 11:22 — The result is wrath when anyone gets out of “the way of YHWH” (Gen 18:19; Eph 2:2-3). God sets boundaries for all mankind (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Rom 1:18-2:16). But the greater responsibility lies on those who know the way but choose the Evil One’s path (2 Pet 2:20-22).

The temperaments and ways in man are shaped by the prince and power of the air — the spirit who works in the children of disobedience. The mood and manner of society is shaped by this evil prince who exercises influence globally and within each culture.

Eph 2:3 — to come under the condemnation of God’s righteous anger is a justifiable judgment for having violated known boundaries of spiritual and moral duty and responsibility (response ability) demands accountability — even as Rom 1:18-21 teaches us, even as the natural law teaches the world this very thing (Rom 1:32; 2:14-16). How much more do you suppose we deserve His wrath when we violate His covenant (Heb 10:29; Rom 1:18; 9:22,23; 5:9; 2:5-8; Mt 3:7-8)? Eph 5:6 says — also speaking about the children of disobedience (verse 7). Therefore the children of obedience do not have anything to do with them if they persist in their own ways. Verse 8 — This is for the children to obey = Col 3:1-17. It is for all to obey (Jer 31:1).

What it Means to Destroy

“DESTROY” in 1 Cor 3:17 means to spoil or defile (inadvertently) by not being careful how they are building upon the foundation. #5351 is to do damage, to injure by our own lack of insight. As Rev 3:1-4 most were destroyed if they did not wake up from their inadvertent ways. Those who are not overcoming are in fact destroying God’s temple right now and are like the many in Sardis in the first century before the church fell or died.

1 Cor 3:8 — Each will be rewarded according to his work, how he built upon the foundation.

1 Cor 3:10 — But let each one be careful how he builds.

1 Cor 3:13 — But each one’s work will be shown for what it is (verses 13-17). Paul is simply saying in verse 17 that if one is not deliberately going to the throne of grace every day to make certain they are being led by the Spirit then in all probability they are in the flesh and are destroying the temple of God as 1 Cor 3:18 goes on to say. Verse 19 speaks of one’s own cleverness, functioning in their own wisdom, setting a trap for themselves ... Wake Up!

1 Cor 3:10 — Take heed how you are building. What kind of builder or son are you? Isa 49:17 — Are you a builder or destroyer? Both are at work but one is gathering (building) while the other is scattering (destroying; Mt 12:30).

All who are not filled with the Spirit are destroyers in one way or the other. God will punish all disobedience (Eph 5).

Why would one not want to be filled with the Spirit? What Spirit are we drinking from then? 1 Cor 10:4-5; 12:13 — A person is always drinking from a spirit. If anyone is not consciously drinking from the Holy Spirit he or she is in some way defiling the Body of Messiah, functioning in their own natural wisdom, which will be turned in to craftiness soon. 2 Tim 2:26; Jude 20-25 — Praying in the Holy Spirit and no other spirit.

Rom 8:15,26 — Keep yourselves in the boundaries of His love, where His love can reach you and you can reach Him. Heb 4:15-16 — “Come boldly,” means without reservation, with frankness, full and open speech.

Remember it is a throne of GRACE where we receive mercy — mercy for the past, grace for the future. Eph 3:12 — “In whom” we have boldness and access with confidence through the faith of Him. He understands us and

relays it to the Father (Heb 4:14-15). Only in this way will we not be destroyers, but true sons and daughters, builders.

REMEMBER 1 Cor 3:10. The word “care-ful.” This means that you must have the Holy Spirit living in your heart and in communication with you (Rev 3:20-22) to be able to hear what He is saying to the (churches) communities. Do not think you can be careful without taking Heed to what He is saying (Jn 10:14,27). CARE is giving your attention to your Master Yahshua. Careful is to take heed or be attentive — be guided by the Spirit, consideration for what you are doing or how you are building — listening to His voice, taking to heart what you hear Him say to you.

If you do not take heed to how you build you are heedless — careless — inadvertent — inattentive — neglectful — even reckless and rash — thoughtless, unobservant — unthinking (Mal 2:4,5; Rom 8:13-14 and verse 6; Mk 7:21-23 Amplified).

So, once a person knows that grace for the future comes from the throne (Heb 4:16) and that grace includes all Pr 2:1-7 speaks of, and that without these qualities we will be nothing but a defiling influence in the Body in one way or the other (Jms 4:17), then what kind of sin is it that we would not go to the throne of grace daily — to have all the wisdom, insight, knowledge, discretion or discernment we need to make it through each day without hurting the Body in some way, but instead building it up as Eph 4:15-16 says. Thus, each member does his or her own part in either building up or (inadvertently) tearing down (Eph 4:12; 2:10).

Since we all were saved by His grace for good works, that were specifically prepared for us, how important is Eph 4:12 for the building up of the Body of Messiah on earth, in order to be its light and salt. Without us the world is as hopeless as we would be without doing those works of service by the strength that He supplies to us (if we ask). 1 Pet 4:11 — Since we all must have **FAITH** to live this life He chose for us. So, faith must come from its Source. Thereby, we will have all the strength we need to do what He wants us to do for Him. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. We belong to Him. He knows we can do nothing without Him (Jn 15:5-8; 6:63).