

## **The Stone Kingdom — Family Order *A Child Training Teaching***

The book of Malachi was the last book written before 400 years went by in Israel in which nothing was spoken by our God. Mal 4:6 — The curse comes upon you when your children don't carry on what is in your heart and the kingdom can't come because of it. Soil is the foundation for a plant to grow. It is like the foundation for our training our children. The Spirit we pass on to our children is one that did not scare away people like Peter and John, but drew them.

The responsibility for raising children rests chiefly upon the fathers. The foundation consists of two things:

- a. A right attitude, which is a state of mind and will (the state of your mind and will), and
- b. The right foundation.

The foundation is the base on which something rests. A wrong foundation is an atmosphere reeking (reeking is a terrible smell) with destructive criticism, fault finding, condemnation (which is pronouncing doom against), unrealistic expectations (like when you realized you've disciplined them 1,200 times for this thing they've done and you know you're going to have to discipline them 1,200 more times for it before they finally get it, but you act like this is their last time; they're cut off, you get angry — not righteous anger — you pronounce doom... this is unrealistic expectations).

Then we sometimes fall into sarcasm, like, "I can SEE you were really obedient THIS time." It comes from the root that means to tear flesh up, getting back, retaliating, to dig in and get back. The Greek word means to tear the flesh like dogs. You are this way because you take their disobedience personally. They hurt you so you are going to hurt them, intimidate them, cause fear in or scare them. Unintentionally I can be that way, rising up. When I do, I cause fear in others.

And fear will bring a negative effect. Eph 6:4 — "Do not provoke your children to wrath or exasperate them..." We can do this by teaching and loading them down with rules, but the way we teach them causes them to disobey. They're torn because we've brought the standard but not the inspiration to obey it. The way we communicate with our children is mixed with negativity. We can't expect pure results without pure input. Do not provoke them to wrath or anger. Wrath is an expression of hatred. Hatred is the opposite of love. Love is intimately connected with obedience. When you love someone you obey him; if you hate someone you disobey him. So it makes a wrong foundation in them, not obeying or following you. They express disobedience and disrespect.

In such an atmosphere no sound teaching is possible. It can't take place there in parents who promote this kind of training or allow it to influence their children from others. (*Sound* means complete and effectual, solid and stable.) This is a controversial statement. How do you handle it when you feel others are being this way, without defending your children? If someone is coming in this way, we have to address it with wisdom and counsel. Maybe they were too hard, intimidating, had unrealistic expectations... We have to properly intervene when these negative influences come from others. We see this and we must remember that ALL of us err and we take our concerns to our shepherd who will deal with the disorder in an orderly manner, rather than correcting them yourself for correcting your child. You don't want him to think you don't want him to correct your child. Of course you want him to correct your child.

Negative training destroys Mal 4:6 and the result will be the destruction of the land of promise, the city whose foundations are from God. Negative training is to just make obedience to orders our goal, as though our children are only capable of performing tricks like an animal.

Positive training is to render proficient and skillful and qualified (in this case) to pass on the Spirit of our Master to others. That's our goal for our children. Not to pass on a mystical spirit, but the Spirit of love in all we do and touch. But positive training is an atmosphere rich in encouragement. This is to inspire with courage, hope

and resolution (this is different than ordering someone to be these ways). If you are inspired **then** you can command someone to have hope. It is passing on a spirit of tenderness, patience (demonstrating quiet uncomplaining endurance under distress or annoyance), rich in attentiveness to your child (*attentive* comes from the root to stretch out toward, desiring to reach and make contact with somebody, as if to save someone from drowning, not wanting there to be any separation between you and them), giving them your attention and approval (*approval* is to regard as worthy, listening to them affectionately, with fond attachment and kind feeling towards).

In an atmosphere rich in love, a parent can build into the children's lives the foundation of the way of YHWH. (That's what we desperately need in order that we can carry out what we set out to do when we left everything, and after we arrived here the details started filling in and the picture expanded — the picture of His kingdom coming on earth. We need our children to bring this about. Gen 1:28 was His purpose before the fall. Now we've been through our Master's sacrifice and our corresponding sacrifice that restored us to His purpose.)

The key here has everything to do with passing on to our children what our Father revealed to us that caused us to give up everything to follow Him. We have to pass on that revelation of what is in us to follow Yahshua and to go on. It's passing on that revelation that is integral with this foundation we're talking about. Dt 29:29 — We've got to pass on the revelation from the beginning of their life. Ben-Nabi used to talk to Yohannan while he was inside Grace. He couldn't understand the words but the Spirit goes into them and puts a foundation for receiving revelation into our children.

All our training is related to the revelation we have. Otherwise we're just training them to do tricks and they don't want to do tricks anymore. There is no foundation in them because the foundation is the revelation and enthusiasm we have, not explaining why. What is it that drives us to do what we do? It is the *why* they need to hear. But it's more the passing on of our enthusiasm. To do this we have to be filled with the Spirit of love because love is what drew us here. I'm here because *I was loved*. I'm going to discipline you to be obedient to love so when love calls on you to do something you will do it and not be a robot. When love asks you to do something, I don't want you to give into your flesh and not do it.

Dt 29:29 — There is a lot in that I never saw before. If our children don't know the secret things, they won't have what we had. We heard the secret that caused and facilitated us giving up our lives. That was a secret shown to us. These things belong to our children as well. I thought that God revealed these secrets to them when they turn 13 or 14 as they cried out for revelation. But no, the foundation for them crying out is us passing on those secrets, letting them know we know a secret. The very foundation for them, for us, to obey all the words of the law is the inspiration we pass on to them. It took someone inspired by the Holy Spirit to pass on to you the secrets of the Kingdom that caused you to give up your life. It took something tremendous — someone telling you a secret and you believed it was the truth. I was inspired. This is what we have to pass on to our children, inspiration.

Pr 22:6 — The way he should go includes revelation, having been told a secret, something good and wonderful you want them to know it. We go down and perish too if the secrets aren't revealed to us. Part of their training is the same thing, not cold, sterile, just obeying the laws.

Does that have anything to do with breaking the command in Pr 13:24? It's not that we just went to talk to them but to let them know why with passion! Until now there has been a lot I haven't know why, only that we were supposed to. I've done that for years, and now Shemuel is at the age to pick up and carry on but somehow he's drawing a blank. I've taught him to obey the rules and he doesn't have any enthusiasm about it now that I want to tell him why.

Ps 127:3-5 — Children are an heritage, an inheritance, what you inherit. One has to die for the next person to inherit what they are promised. But our God hasn't died so they are still His. He has only given them to us as an arrow to shoot. Also our children inherit what we've been given, living in a city whose foundations are from God. As parents we entrust our revelation to our children because they are our heirs. It is normal. As our children receive the same revelation we've received they become heirs too. This is the most encouraging part of the teaching because we can start doing it from now on.

God's covenant with Adam and Eve contains provisions spelled out in Gen 1:27 and 28. This is the road back.

There are two restorations to get us back to this place:

- c. To be fruitful and multiply;
- d. To rule and subdue the earth, the land we live in.

The provision to do this is:

- e. Descendants
- f. Rulership, dominion (Dt 29:29; Gen 18:19; 3:14 and 15).

The seed of the woman — Dt 6:6,7; 28:4; (4:9). The third and fourth generation is written for us. With Adam and Eve two people couldn't have dominion. They had to have descendants. Whatever demonstration our Father had of love has never had descendants. So our enemy has never been dealt with. The spirit we have to have is love because what has been passed on to us and them is worthlessness. Because what will counter worthlessness is a whole lot of love.

Unless we as parents have these secret things revealed to us we're not the seed of Abraham and we can't pass the baton on to our offspring on to carry on what we have begun. But if we do, we are the seed of Abraham. We have to remember this about passing on, training them in the atmosphere of revelation we have because there is the blessing and the curse in child training, and it is right in that. It is the curse if we don't train them in this revelation and the blessing if we do. The cause here is what produces the effect. The parent's revelation is the child's heritage, passed on to them to the fourth generation in Gen 18:19, to bring about the land, the restoration of the desolate heritage in Isa 49:8 — desolate, barren, without inhabitants.

Heb 11:14,16 — That city of God that's been established here on earth with real live human beings — that is the desolate heritage. Isa 49:8 comes right after verse 5 and 6. We have to make the connection. When we came here we saw a life of love we wanted. We got a taste of what we wanted. That city hasn't yet come to full flower. The city is a metaphor for the nation. That city is a lot bigger than the few places on the earth we are now. For those streets to be filled again with many people and love, joy and peace it's going to take our children

Dt 6:6,7 — Speaks of training your child on the way, all the time. This is what those who are inspired will do. How do I *train* my children? How does what they do wrong connect with what I want to happen on the earth, which is His kingdom coming? I want to remember that connection when I'm disciplining them and why I gave up my life up. We need to let them know why we give up our lives and what we want them to do to carry on. It is passing on that will bring about obedience to the teachings in Dt 29:29. The secrets that have been revealed belong to us and our children forever that we may observe all the words of this law. So we have to be inspired, of course. We have to have been inspired to give up our lives, of course. We can't pass on something that hasn't been passed onto us.

We've blown it so much all ready with our children but there is a provision. This teaching is from the stem's perspective because things are not normal. For the children there is a provision for where we've lacked with them. We've seen how far we'll go in reaching out to our children, as youth if they want to be like it was with Yacob did, who wanted to inherit the blessing even though there was no provision for the second born to get the blessing. But our Father cooperated with his desire because Esau didn't want it even though there was a provision for him to have it. He didn't get it. What we want we will get. Our youth are in a better place than we are because we were in the world and didn't know anything, I've been so caught up passing on principles, rights and wrongs, mostly correcting wrongs. The soil for sound right behavior to grow in is always our revelation, the secret things. What was it that we saw about our lives in the world and about the life in the Edah that caused us to abandon our whole life to get it?

We need to talk to our children about our deep convictions. We can't train our children in right behavior (righteousness) without the soil of our passed on deep convictions. How backward it is to try to turn them without this and then expect them to develop convictions for themselves between ages 13 and 19.

Without vision our children aren't going to receive the fire of us changing their attitudes and behavior any better

than we will. We go to teachings and minchot to get vision. Our Father also gave us great revelation in order for us to willingly give up our lives but where do our children get their vision? Yes they go to training and minchot but could we possibly think they could actually latch onto anything at these without their earthly fathers and mothers passionately expressing to their children why they're not in the world and what they want for their own lives and the lives of their children in the edah?

**Racham:** It's time to build, as the song says, "Let's rise and build," because the building is upon the fathers and the sons. If the son never takes on the responsibility he doesn't mature. In this teaching I saw the loss I'd suffered with my children. It made me want to go on and produce a positive attitude to help each other. They will grow up to surpass us if we do, but if we raise them up in a negative atmosphere, they will curse us. It's a promise. It is a serious thing for us to help each other. Whatever our faults are He wants us to go on and not even lose hope, even with those who have left the community. He wants us to press on and take encouragement from the examples of our forefathers beginning with the father of our faith Abraham who didn't give up after his failure with Ishmael, but went on to produce Isaac.

**An Addition from Yoneq:**

One of the most exasperating things for a child is to be kept waiting by his abba side for extended periods of time, while the abba talks on and on and on. This is why many times it is the children of the shepherds in the Body who began to develop attitude problems. For the leaders are often called upon to deal with problems and direct situations. They spend long times listening to problems and trying to encourage the sheep. This sounds nice but in the end it will bring about a great loss if the abba does not remember to give his attention to his son at his side. It is possible to graciously say, "No, I cannot speak with you right now. I have my son and must give my attention to him for a short while (or even for a measured period of time). I will get back with you at such and such a time..." or "I think you can speak with so and so. He will be able to help you more than I could at this point." The sheep understand how important your son is so they do not get offended at this. They are also the ones who lose when you lose your son, so they are happy to see you devoting yourself to your family (especially at mealtimes when the table should be guarded not to become a place of business or of unrestrained activities leaving the children alienated). To expect your son to stand idly by as you speak on and on to someone about either business or spiritual things is putting your children in a very dangerous place, where they could become exasperated and "bitter" (which comes from the same root word as "rebellion" in Hebrew).