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# Yom Kippur 7

# The Ten Days

The *last day* of soul searching, during the ten days of Yom Kippur, is the *final* day of searching for any *guilt*. Since guilt is not necessarily a *feeling*, we may still be guilty. If one has not callused his conscience in a certain sin or thing he will at least sense this uneasy feeling inside of himself that can only be taken away by *confession* and *forsaking* the *cause* of the guilt (Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9; 2:1-2). Anything in us — the way we are and the things we do or say — that is not altogether pleasing to our Master must be put away forever, with continual judgment upon it (1 Cor 11:27-32).

The *ten day period* is devoted to the *earnest desire* for the Holy Spirit to reveal anything in you that is not pleasing to Him — any hurtful way. There should not be any kind of sin which *grieves* Him in you, nor *quenches* Him in you (1 Ths 5:19; Eph 4:30). But more subtle kinds of sins, usually those which are "swept under the rug," so to speak (that are not really dealt with) are the sins that hinder your progress in bearing fruit, *bearing much fruit* (Jn 15:5-8) and keep your prayers from being heard (verse 7; 1 Jn 3:22; 5:14-15). These little sins (1 Jn 2:1-2) still hinder the full development of love (Phil 1:9-10). Your full growth and potential are hindered. Your love for Him is quenched to a significant degree (Eph 6:24; Rev 2:4). These days prior to the tenth day of the month (Lev 23:27) are the time to humble yourself so that the tenth day will not *overtake you*, and the days beyond the tenth day be days of *total darkness*.

Lev 23:29 — Whoever is not afflicted to the extent of being able to actually cut this sin off in his life by the tenth day will himself be cut off from 1 Pet 2:9-10. He will not be included in the atonement made for him, as Heb 10:26-27. This will be regarded as a deliberate sin since our God is a merciful and compassionate God, willing to forgive and forget all sin that is confessed and renounced and forsaken. Pr 28:13 is *exactly* right. We must let Him cover our transgressions if we want to prosper — that is, bear much fruit during the following agricultural year. If you have not produced fruit the past year,

Jn 15:2 tells what happens. Jn 15:8 — we must prove that we have confessed all our sins and judged them completely to the degree that we have nothing in us that accuses us, as 1 Cor 4:1-5 says. 1 Jn 2:28; 4:17; Pr 29:1 — if we are reproved by the Holy Spirit in us, but harden our heart, we will be cut off.

#### **Fasting**

The reason *fasting* from food was traditionally brought in was because of the seriousness of it. If someone was *guilty* and all that he thought of was food and eating, taking the precious time of self-judgment to eat (with a guilty conscience), he would be cut off for sure. He had no fear (Ps 147:11; 145:19-20; 1 Cor 16:22; Ps 97:10). So how could you satisfy your flesh by eating or even drinking when tomorrow you will die (be cut off from God and His people)? Food will be available that day, but the righteous will be praying for those who would rather eat than confess their sins or go to the throne of grace to receive help in their time of need (Heb 4:16).

The elders and prophets (leaders) must themselves be diligent as Pr 27:23 says, as verse 24 is the sad story of the first Edah. Lev 23:27-32 — This is all preparation for the greater production of the fruit of the Kingdom for the next year (Mt 21:43). Lev 23:33-44 — on the fifteenth day of that same month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to Yahweh.

The Day of Atonement is the last day possible to be perfectly united to the vine — Jn 15:4-8 (\*verse 6). Gal 5:22 is the outcome of abiding in the vine, since the flesh is crucified (verse 24), and it is just as obvious as verses 19-21. This day takes each one of us back to Gal 5:24-25 — verse 25 for the coming year to bear much fruit. This is obvious because whoever is walking in the spirit has his mind on the Spirit and therefore it is *broadcast* that you have *life* and *peace* (*chaim* and *shalom*, 1 Jn 5:12-13; Gal 5:16,19-21). Anything crude, rude, or lewd is obvious. 1 Tim 2:8 is our daily state and Col 1:10 and 1 Cor 1:10 in every place. If one is not doing these he is in the flesh — in sin. He is not a part of the witness of Mal 1:11 or Mt 24:14 or Isa 43:12, not giving the testimony

of God's Holy people. Gal 5:22-23 can only be produced if one is abiding in the vine. Otherwise, the fruit is obviously the works of the flesh. Verse 19-21 says if anyone of us is producing these kinds of works, he is cut off from the vine. Such ones are not giving our Father His produce from His Vineyard (Mt 21:33-45) as *stewards* of His grace (1 Pet 4:10-11). We are stewards of the *manifold grace* of God. If we are not *using* the *gifts* He has entrusted to us, by His *grace*, which are for the strengthening and encouragement of His Household, then we will be *guilty* of destroying His House (Heb 3:6; 1 Cor 3:17).

## **Blood-guiltiness**

The ten-day period is devoted to making sure we do not go into the next year with any sin-guiltiness, or blood-guiltiness (Ps 51:14; Acts 20:26), such as the *laxity* of not sharing our faith, or imparting our faith to others, either on the inside or outside (Heb 3:13; 10:24; 12:15), or with those whom we have the *opportunity*, those whom we know and no one else knows. We are the only ones they know with the faith. They do not know anyone else who *has* the faith — or Eternal life.

Laxity — slackness, looseness of standards, careless, casual, easy going, lenient, over-indulgent, remiss, not diligent, vague, flabby, soft and *yielding* to the enemy, not vigilant or violent. These kind of members must be strengthened or cut off (one or the other, 1 Cor 16:22). They must face the positive proof of their hatred of Messiah (Ex 20:5-6).

This is the same thing as a *lay-about* by Kingdom standards. So if you know anyone who is like this, it is your responsibility to obey Eze 3:16-21, Heb 3:13, 10:24, and 12:15, or the blood is on your hands as well as his or hers. And if you do not judge this attitude in you and put it to death and be violent against it, you will be cut off the day *after* the tenth day of the seventh month if you don't admit it and confess it. This day will be a Holy convocation where public confession can be made of such sins that are so easily swept under the rug. The *shophar* will be blown, the ram's horn — the *yobel* will be blown to assemble all the people of God all over the earth in every place so as to

maintain and continue in progressive illumination (Mt 16:18) the light of Isa 49:6 and Mal 1:11. This horn (Lev 23:24,27) will gather together all of the people — the Royal Priesthood, the Holy Priesthood of 1 Pet 2:5,9,10. This *yobel* will gather every last single person — bar none. It represents the last trumpet where we stand before the judgment (2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 4:4). This is the eve, at sundown of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. We gather to make testimony of our pure love and devotion to our Master Yahshua and our public praise and thanksgiving in front of all the people and raise up the cup of Salvation (Ps 116:12-19).

We each make separate public declarations of His excellencies (1 Pet 2:9) and our own individual testimony and confession of our besetting sins that will (would) hinder us in the race (Heb 12:1-2; 1 Cor 9:24-27). This seventh month was about September - October and marked the end of one agricultural year and the beginning of another — a very special month (Lev 23:24,25,27,28,34-36). The agricultural aspect pertains to Jn 15:1-8, although it is our physical harvest as well, which is also dedicated to Him, for He causes the rain, both spiritually and physically (2 Chr 6:26-27).

The Day of Atonement in Leviticus 23 is a type of the atoning work of Messiah — Heb 9 & 10. If one deliberately sins, the continued forgiveness is no longer applied to him as Mt 18:34-35; 6:12-15. So if we hold onto any grudges of the past we must judge this or we are cut off already, but we'll be cut off from the nation if it goes beyond the tenth day of the seventh month. (Mk 11:25 — forgive whoever it may be *before* lifting up your sacrifice at the minchah.) We must likewise not despise anyone (Mt 18:8), for our attitude will surely become evident in how we relate to each other. We will never produce any fruit for the next spiritual agricultural year if this is the case. So we are not His disciples if we do not do what all disciples do. A disciple is a *doer* of His Word. He has an ear and a tongue of a disciple (Isa 50:4-11).

## The Moed (Dressed and Ready)

So on the day — the eve of the tenth day of the seventh month — all are dressed and ready to go to the *qahal*. To go unprepared is to sin a sin unto death. We go prepared to give testimony before all that we are clean (Heb 10:22) body, soul, and spirit. Heb 10:22 (Amp.) says *pure water* (Lev 15:13,16), *running water*. Our sins are covered by the Blood, the sins we have confessed and forsaken (Pr 28:13). The sins we have not confessed and forsaken will take us to death. The only reason we would not confess and forsake them is that we are rebellious.

We have nine days of preparation. Our Father is merciful, not wanting any to perish (2 Pet 3:9). He is patient toward you, toward us, that we should all reach — come to — repentance in these hidden sins (Ps 19:12; 51:6). These kinds of sins are what accumulated to stain their garments in Rev 3:4. We will all be worthy to walk with Him in white if we also keep our garments clean. Otherwise, we will not be worthy or deserving. Col 1:10 is now available for all who know Him and are coming to know Him in a more intimate way (Phil 3:10-19). On that day, our sacrifice that we give must be as Ps 51:17; 19:12-14, 50:14,16-23 (Amp).

By the time of Jubilee (50 years of this purifying process), even the unconscious faults, inadvertence faults will be dealt with — the sins of the fathers no longer being visited on the children (Ex 20:5-6) until we are completely acceptable to Him (Ps 19:14,12,9). Ps 19:13 — A *blameless \*seed* (Gen 17:1) produces that *blameless generation* (Rev 14:1-5).

Ps 19:14 literally says, "Let what I speak and what my heart murmurs to itself be a delight to you, Adonai — Master" (Mt 12:37,34; 2 Chr 6:24-27; Pr 16:23-24).

This is the day when all our past sins that have not been forgiven are dealt with, judged, confessed. This convocation is held on the eve of the tenth day and all day from the following morning until sundown. At sunset, at the evening sacrifice, the Day of Atonement is ended by a single blast of the *shophar*, and the worshippers that day will now begin a new year of producing the fruit of the Kingdom (Mt 21:43) until the Year of

Jubilee, when all the faithful will be taken up to be with their King and Husband (Rev 17:14; Mt 24:40-41; 25:1-12) — only the faithful (Dan 12:10). To be full of faith (Dan 12:1-3) one must listen to what the Spirit says to the churches (Rev 17:14). Faith comes by hearing.

**Nun** — This morning Yônêq came over to me while I was playing on the piano and he said, "Did you go and teach all these dances to these people?" And I said, "Yes." Then he said, "They do it exactly the same way as they do it in Judah. Bynah came right into it and is doing exactly the same thing. Isn't that amazing? Isn't that amazing that she's doing exactly the same thing — from two totally different parts of the world?" As he walked away I was left with that thought in my mind.

It made me remember the words of our Master in Jn 17:20. This was Yahshua praying to our Father knowing that the time was coming for Him to be crucified and so the most urgent thing that was upon His heart was for the life and welfare of His disciples — the livelihood of His disciples — that foundation of those men that they would be able to pass on what He had communicated to them. Because they were the ones who had the seed. He was the one who was the cornerstone, but they were the rest of the foundation for that building. So His prayer was the most earnest prayer that's ever been lifted up. He was praying for His Kingdom — that it could be established through the lives of these men. Our Father heard it, and so did His disciples (who were in His presence as He prayed). "do not ask for these alone..." (meaning not for just His disciples). But our Master looked ahead and knew how the formation of His twelve tribes would take place. He knew how that was going to be established. Then He said, "I do not pray for these alone, but for those also (who in the future) will believe in Me through their word" (the word of the apostles).

That little comment, from what Yônêq said this morning, made an *impression* on me. Our Master said, "Whoever receives *you*, receives Me. And whoever receives *Me* receives the *ONE* who sent Me." It all goes back to our Father — the *source* — the ONE who created us. But our Father needs human beings who have received Him, who can mediate for Him to the rest of the world. He's got to have that. So those who believe through "our" word — MAY BE ONE."

You can see obviously what *their word* produced — what it brought about in Acts 2:42-45. It was the result of our Master's prayer in Jn 17:21-23. He prayed that through *their word all* those who believe would be ONE.

"Even as You Father are in Me, and I in them, that they may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You have given to Me, I have given to them, that they may be ONE. Just as We are One, I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in UNITY, that the world may know that you sent Me, and have loved them even as you have loved Me."

How important is this? One time Neriyah said everything is in the SEED. All the components of what the plant is going to produce, its fruit, its resistance to disease, etc., is contained inside the seed. It's all in the genetic makeup within the seed. The seed has to die in order for the life within it to come out. And that's what it was like for the disciples — the apostles. They were that seed. That seed had been communicated to them through our Master. His Spirit had been breathed upon them as it says in Jn 20:21-23. He said, "Peace — Shalom be with you." And then He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He breathed upon them and said, "Whatever you bind on earth, will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth, will have been loosed in heaven." He gave them good judgment and the ability to rule — like princes. They were chosen to establish good government on the face of the earth. This would be His Kingdom — His government — a true and living representation of God was finally on the earth. They demonstrated the New Covenant (with His laws written within their hearts) through living it out, living out His statutes, living out His orders — His commands. They would live it out "together" — in UNITY. If it wasn't for that SEED we wouldn't have the life of the Son. We could come here and teach — do all the *outward* things (like teaching dances), but it's the LIFE — it's the genetic makeup which has been passed on — it's *the inward life of that seed* — the *desire* to know Him — to be ONE — to be fearful of any division which we have received. That is what is within the SEED. Not just the external things, that's important as well, but it's expressed through the life... It's wonderful that Bynah or anyone can come here and feel at home. Throughout all the tribes of Israel we'll be ONE. We'll be ONE in our singing, ONE in our dances — ONE in Spirit, because the Spirit in that seed, in a spiritual sense, is the *culture*. It produces the culture of His People in all aspects so that they can be *one* in every way. His mind (the "DNA") is in that seed — that genetic makeup so that we can have His Mind in everything.

Bynah can come here from another tribe which is on the other side of the world and feel totally comfortable because it's the *same* Spirit, the *same* Mind, the *same* aspects of our life are being lived out and expressed. I'm so thankful because that is what our Master said. It's the fulfillment of

what He prayed, "that they may all be ONE through their word." He's *Immanuel*. We've come to know Him and He's made His home with us those who have received Him and obey His Word. His Word is in us and we can speak it. And just like on the day of Pentecost, the formation of the early church was the result of the Word that had been passed on to those apostles. They preached Messiah Yahshua that day and it caused those who heard it to be pierced in the heart and all who believed were together. They were all living together, they were ONE. They weren't separated from one another. They weren't divided by name (by denomination). There were no denominations among them. That would have disqualified the fact that they had believed. All those who believe are "one" — one in every way. The heart of David is amongst His People. The willingness to say, "Master, whatever you want me to do, I will do." And it says, "He will honor them and He will lift them up," not just for their own glory (some kind of false thing). He wants to lift that standard up on the face of the earth so that men could finally say, "Wow, there is a God who exists. How could these people be like this? How could it be possible for them to be one unless something supernatural had taken place in their lives?" And then we can talk to them. We can say, "We've received the Messiah, we've received Him — and whoever receives us will be the same. They will be one, too. There won't be any division." It's all within that SEED — its genetic makeup. I'm thankful our Master had those twelve to begin with. And now He's got the last day twelve to finish it.

Remember that article that was in the paper about *like produces like*? Yônêq said it's absolutely absurd that the religious system claims to know Him. They say they have unity through a *mystical* oneness, but in reality they're filled with backbiting, the continuous splitting over doctrine, schisms, divisions of every sort — you know it all, I don't even have to talk about it. Every facet of division that could possibly be manifested is in religious system, yet, they say, "We believe — we're all one."

But we come from the *same seed*, which produces the *same plant*. I'm so thankful that we can't be that way and be the Body of Messiah. Even in nature, a seed, when you plant it, produces the same kind as the parent. In Heb 12:2 it says that for the joy that was set before Him He was able to endure the cross. That joy is us. He saw the joy — His offspring. Isa 53 says He saw His offspring in the midst of His suffering and was satisfied. His suffering was not in vain, because it was going to produce that that offspring — that SEED — the *planting* of Yahweh.

That little shoot is going to have a new start on the face of the earth so that Israel can blossom and fill the whole world with its fruit. We haven't seen that happen yet. Not like it's meant to be fulfilled. There was a little glimpse of it in the early church. It was recorded for us so we could have hope. It says that whatever has been written down has been recorded for our admonition, our encouragement, our hope. So we can take hope. It was recorded in the first century — His offspring ... look how they lived! Look at what was the result of that seed once it went into the good soil and died (Acts 2 & 4). It produced the same thing as the parent plant (who Himself was once a tender shoot). And we are just like Him. He will see His offspring and finally that seed, after being preserved for 1900 years, will finally die and produce the same as Him. He will have a compatible helpmate, suitable to Him — of the same substance and maturity. *Like* produces like. The fruit is just like Him. And that's what He's after. That's why He died, to gain that offspring. So if that offspring never comes about then He has nothing on the face of the earth. But we know that He won't be left with nothing. His Word doesn't go out and come back void.

Christians can talk and reason all they want about Acts 2 & 4 — tampering with His word, but God didn't destroy that life in Jerusalem. He wanted it to spread. He wanted it to reproduce and reproduce and reproduce until there were finally twelve tribes — the full-orbed Body of Messiah, the whole nation was bearing abundant fruit. And now we're living in those days when that's happening. Finally, after 1900 years, the seed has gone down into good soil once again and it's starting to spring up. When you look at it right now, you don't see a whole lot. It's just a little shoot, a little plant. You look at it and see that it has the same leaves as the parent plant. It's got the same genetic makeup, it's strong, it's in good soil. And as it grows up, you're going to see it get rid of all corruption, because it's abiding in the good soil. It's on the same "turf" as Messiah — the same premise that He lived His life.

I'm thankful our Master's word is not a lie. He's going to get it. He pleaded with His Father. "LET THEM BE ONE, FATHER! KEEP THEM IN MY NAME, PRESERVE THEM!" We can see a glimpse of that unity begun in the first community and now He's going to complete that work of being one through the fully-formed twelve tribes until the end of the age. At the end of the age there's going to be every evil thing coming against us — the onslaught of the adversary to try and smash out that plant — trying to destroy it from becoming fully matured and filling the whole earth with its fruit. But Isaiah the prophet saw it. Jeremiah, the prophet saw it. Our Master saw it. John, the disciple of Yahshua saw it. It's in Revelation. You

can read it. He saw a woman full of glory, full of the radiance of the sun. He saw it. She had finally matured. She had twelve stars upon her head, each representing one of the twelve tribes of Israel. Not the disobedient, physical nation that divided long ago right after Solomon's reign. They've been dispersed throughout the whole world. Through our God's sovereign design and magnificent plan He designed all that to happen so He could regather them in this day and make them into His kingdom.

So I know that we can have great hope if we look at that and realize that like produces like. Like always produces like. And it's the same for us as with the religious system. The religious system produces itself. They claim to know Him, but all they can produce is the same division that has been rampant in it since it's inception. The early church wasn't that way. In Rev 18 it says it became a dwelling of Satan, a dwelling of every unclean and evil spirit. It became something else. It was led astray and became something else from what it was. It died out. But before it went out completely, it set seed, and in this day our Father's saved that seed from those early overcomers and He's planted it in good soil, good rich soil... sing of it... respond to it, He said — Isa 27:2. I'm thankful that we're responding and that He's getting the offspring that He's always desired. He's going to be satisfied. There's nothing greater than being satisfied after you've worked really long and hard at something.

The other day I was thinking about this... I was working, working, working, and finally I was sweaty and I thought, "it feels good." I looked back and I was so satisfied. There's something that you derive from working really hard — *satisfaction*. Our Master was like that, after *all the anguish* that He experienced, He could look and see and He was satisfied. And I know our Father is getting that from us experientially. He's given us the same genetic makeup to be able to cast Satan out and not let any divisive thing dwell here. He's longing (Rev 20:1-2) for Satan to be bound and cast into the abyss, just like He is longing for His seed to grow up and do all His Will. Then He can truly be satisfied. He's given it to us to do it.