

Grumbling and Complaining — A Sin unto Death

[The notes of this minchah should be used in conjunction with the notes of the social meeting of 2 December 1996 and the Morning Minchah and Evening Minchah of 3 December.]

Yochanan Abraham was talking about how the grace we need is already stored up for us. We just need to go and get it.

It all belongs to us already. That's why it says in Heb 12:15: "...falls short of the grace of God." A person who falls short is not receiving and using the grace that's stored up for him, and so it will all be left over.

That's why complaint would ever come out of our heart — because we are not walking in the Spirit. If murmuring comes out of our mouth, it's in our heart. If we're evil we can't speak anything good (Mt 12:33-34)

We're known by the fruit coming out of our mouth. If we complain we're complainers. They all perished from old Israel; their bones baked in the sun. They were an evil generation. This happened to them as an example for us.

If we're good, good things come out of our mouth. Even in the world people are judged by what comes out of their mouth. It either builds up or tears down. It's either slander or encouragement.

James 3 talks about the tongue. The tongue is set on fire by hell (Pr 12).

We can really judge ourselves by the word. It divides or cuts. We can even know if we're saved or not. If we speak things that tear down we haven't passed out of death into life. We are producing the fruit of death. If we have life we produce the good fruit of life.

Gal 5:22-23 speaks of the fruit of the spirit. Verses 19-21 is the fruit of the flesh (complaint, division, etc.).

It is pretty clear if you see a person producing the fruit of the flesh. Those who produce the fruit of the flesh have no inheritance in the kingdom of God. Those who produce the fruit of the spirit will inherit the kingdom of heaven. We can't just say, "Oh he's just in the flesh today." If someone doesn't have an affectionate love for our Master Yahshua, he is cut off.

Titus 2:4 instructs wives to love their husbands and their children — have affection for them. There are different kinds of love. The word here is an "affectionate love." It talks about having affection for your husband and for your children, a maternal love for your children. If we don't have an affectionate love (1 Cor 16:22), then *maran atha*, which means, "Come now and judge that person; cut him off, wipe him out." There is no need for such a person to be in the edah.

If we don't have affectionate love we really don't care whether we have grace or not. It's pretty easy to judge if we judge right. But first we have to get the log out of our own eye, and then the speck, if it's just a speck, out of our brother's eye.

We're judged by the word. It judges us. It's like a double-edged sword.

Those who have no affection for our Master Yahshua are accursed. This probably separates some of us — those who complain and are not happy from those who have patience and don't complain. You can't be patient very long without grace. It shows. It shows the fruit of that tree. Patience is the fruit of the spirit. There is one fruit of the spirit.

Like Sebastian [a *guest*]— if he's willing he'll know what we say, whether it's of God or of man. If it's of man he doesn't need to be here. He needs to go on to where God speaks. We don't need to say, "Oh, Sebastian is like this and that, he thinks this or that." It's all according to Jn 7:17 — whether there are people here who are still righteous and are speaking the word of God without deceit in them. It's pretty easy if he is described by Jn 7:17. But if he rejects and we speak the word of God he is judged already and goes into eternal death without judgment (Jn 3:18). From then on he can't do any good, or speak any good. His life will be worthless in the world. God speaks through human vocal cords — righteous humans. If a person rejects that, saying, "This is not the God I look for," he is like the man who has tender mercy for his animals but is evil. He cares for his animals only for selfish gain.

Sebastian is in a precarious place. He has to determine whether the living God is here or whether we're just deceived. It is so important for him to see the witness of that tree. Whether Sebastian does or not, I don't know.

It's according to whether he is described by Jn 7:17. If he hears complaint he can go in the world to hear that. Evil men do that. They are no good.

We're supposed to be content. If we have food and clothing we are to be content. If we need anything else in order to be content, it's idolatry (1 Tim 6:8).

If we have a God who doesn't provide food and clothing we don't have the right God, if we are seeking first His kingdom. We can't be content if we don't have food and clothing. What else do you need besides food and clothing? We don't have to complain.

Everything else, the hardships, are for our own good. This prepares us for the kingdom. Through hardship we enter into the kingdom. That's why we live in the community. There is no salvation outside. Community is designed for hardship. If you see a community without hardship, it's not the Body. If you understand that you will never complain.

Israel went through hardships. Why? To let them see what was in their heart so they could repent from it and be cleansed from it and enter the land. We need to have understanding.

From now on no one in the tribe of Reuben, who is regenerated by the Holy Spirit, will ever complain. We've come to the knowledge of the truth.

Heb 10:26,22 — If you go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth you are an enemy of God. I didn't put that in there; it's just the word of God. We don't have complaint in our heart. We don't notice a brother or a sister not doing as much as we do. We are not man pleasers. We work for our Master Yahshua. If not you're just a slave, only working when the master's eye is upon you. Afterwards you revert back to the way you were when he wasn't looking.

We don't have to compare ourselves to anyone else. If we do we're not wise. If we're not wise, we complain. Even if you have to work night and day, and no one ever sees it, if your leaders and elders don't see, you'll just fall dead and our Master will just take you up. But your leaders watch over your soul. They have to give a separate account someday. If you do work harder, good — you will rule over galaxies. If you're kind, help a person who doesn't give himself to see his problem. Maybe you're wrong. This is a wonderful way to take care of a situation without complaint.

I tell you the truth. If we're the people upon whom the end of the ages have come, everything was written down for our instruction so that we won't fall in the same way everyone before us fell, so we won't complain.

I'm thankful we can come to the end of this so we can go on and our Father can add to our number — not only 1, 2, or 3 persons a year. This is only because there is sin in the camp. There is sin in the leaders. We tolerate people who are rebellious, who don't obey the leaders. Satan is rebellious.

1 Cor 16:22 — We love Him, or we are accursed. There is no way we can be rebellious. We can't say, "No, I'm not going to do that. I'm going to my room. You do it." This is a sin unto death. It stains your garment eternally. Rebellion stains indelibly. It's wonderful if you can get it out after 1,000 years.

How do you think the people in Sardis stained their garment? They complained; they had subtle accusations. It destroyed the whole Body there. They became Christianity. They were all stained. Not one Catholic, the Pope included, and not one Protestant either, has the Holy Spirit. It's a house of demons. They fell in the first century; a transition happened. 2 Tim 2:26 - 3:1-9 — This is what they will be doing.

2 Tim 3:5 — Can you see what happens when Satan takes a person captive to do his will? There are probably people here who are rebellious; they have no joy. Therefore they are not filled with the Spirit. If you don't have joy, you don't hate what God hates and love what He loves. In His day our Master had more joy than anybody else. People had to emulate Him. So what do you do to have joy? I hate what He hates, like not having affection, having complaint, rebellion, wives who have no affection for their husbands, no motherly love, brothers and sisters who don't love.

Let's be the new Reuben, not the old Reuben. If Reuben is in Messiah, old things become new. Also the same applies to Shimon and Levi.

You can read Genesis 49 if you want to find out what your problem is.

Let's lift up our thanksgiving and complaint if we have any.

Before we prayed a sister stepped forward and exposed her condition. For the sake of discretion we shall call

her Ann and her husband Bill.

We need the Holy Spirit to judge this. The Holy Spirit lives in the Body. We need the judgment of the Body. I'm glad she is confessing this. Whether or not she has the Holy Spirit I don't know. If she's repenting, she can receive the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:7 — "Ok, I'm not going to sin." You can't do it. We reform. Pretty soon we sin anyway. Something we can't do is living in the community without the Holy Spirit. It's good. What if we could? We'd all be deceived. It's hard so we can know where we stand, whether we have grace. This is not just an ordinary community. She needs help. What can we do? Can we help her after we pray, intercede for her? I love her. She came in the last hour. She was baptized. But she was still pulled between her friends and us. When we pulled out, she made her run to us. I assumed she was truly saved and received the Holy Spirit. Did she receive the Holy Spirit in baptism? Did she, Bill?

If you don't have the Spirit you don't belong to Him. There is something peculiar about a person who belongs to Messiah. Gal 5:24 — Then you know what "belong" means (Rom 8:7-9). Like Sebastian, if he ever belongs to Messiah and does not go to the lake of fire.

Who is the seed of Abraham? (Gal 3:7-9,29).

Does Bill belong to Messiah? Has he crucified his flesh? Has Sebastian crucified his flesh? Is he able to pay the price?

Ann, are you able to pay the price to belong to Messiah? What's the price? Your flesh. Your natural human nature that's fallen. What do you have to do? You have to give up your life. If you hold on to your life in the Body you will only see the faults and problems, and you will be seeking your own desires and have your own agenda. I assume you've done that. But there is a lot of bad fruit. Bad fruit comes from a bad tree.

We are not talking about being Christians here; we are talking about being disciples. We're talking about ruling the universe. We're talking about our God entrusting His divine nature to us. We have to be forgiven first before He can entrust Himself to us. We have to make certain that we are worthy of Him. A lot of people aren't worthy (Mt 10:37-38); they won't give up father, mother, etc. — their own life. We have to be deserving, worthy, compatible. Our death has to be as real as His. You die and you are buried in baptism. If you participate in His death you participate in His resurrection.

You have to determine whether you have done that. You have to determine whether you have the faith to call out that Yahshua is Sovereign. That determines your life — puts an end to it.

If we terminated our life, there is no grumbling and complaining. So where are we? Are we the incarnation of Satan? Satan lives right in us and destroys (Mt 12:30). Are we gathering or scattering? If we are all gathering, think what will happen. The light will shine; the sun will come. I want the sun to rise upon you. It seems the sun hasn't risen on some of us. Do you want to come to an end of complaints, reasoning, love for the world, your dainties, and being tied to your parents? We have to hate everything, leave everything behind us, say good-bye, say no to it. Who is worthy of our Master? You have to hate your father and mother. If you have your father and mother to go back to, a little bank account, that's not discipleship; that's not becoming one of the rulers of the universe.

Let's intercede for Bill and Ann; I don't have the wisdom to deal with this. You do. You have to be outspoken. Let all the people who are certain of their salvation lift up their hands and keep their heads covered.

After the prayer...

Well, let's be dismissed. I'm sure the shepherds will go and be with Bill and Ann, and we will know what to do.