

Wheat and Tares

[The notes of this social meeting should be used in conjunction with the notes of 2 December 1996, Morning Minchah; 3 December, Morning Minchah and Evening Minchah. These all use the names “Bill”, “Ann”, and “Pat” for the sake of discretion.]

Our Master talked about wheat and tares. You cannot tell till people get older. Since Bill and Ann got older they are like tares. Personally I hoped Ann would express her heart and surrender and we would take her to the water and baptize her. But then Bill expressed that she is saved.

This is about another sister, Pat, who is very much consumed about getting married, who is worthless about the way how she looks and as a result of that wears her hair very wild.

I thought we taught a woman should rule over her hair. Pat doesn't do that. There is always an excuse there. She looks like a wild woman. Pat has a divided heart. Everyone knows that. So certainly she isn't pure in heart. Her division is that she wants to get married. She has a grudge against God because of that. She has that for the rest of her life. She's not a wise virgin. When our Master returns I think she'd be left behind.

*I tried to encourage her. She doesn't rule over her hair. Someone needs to talk to her. If she doesn't change we need to have a *kahal*. If she doesn't receive that we need to treat her as a Gentile. Her hair is unbecoming. It needs to be braided. I told my wife to encourage her. I think two or three women should go to her and talk to her about it. Then you see her attitude right there. She ought to go on a fast. Why doesn't someone help her to go on a fast? I don't think you just let people go on like that. Test them. Put them to the test. It would be better for her to not be in the Body if she is rebellious and just thinks about being unmarried and not getting married. I don't think anybody in their right mind in the Body would think about marrying her. Maybe there is hope if she changes.*

If a man has long hair show him the word.

*Pat needs to behave modestly in how she wears her hair. She tends to look like a wild woman. First two sisters should go to her. I'm not talking about putting a lot of braids into her hair, but just to hold it down. It doesn't say that you can't have braids. It just speaks about braiding the hair for ornaments. Who will go to her tomorrow morning? A couple of women will go. Just send two meek women. *[Two women were appointed to go to her.]**

Any woman can control her hair just like any man. An Ishmaelite can do it. He wears a headband.

Just don't let Pat go on in her own way. She needs to get her mind on the Spirit. She needs to get it off getting married. She'll never get married if she doesn't do that. Why would our Father do that?

[Back to Bill and Ann]

Either make the tree good and its fruit good. It means the tree has to get saved. Then it'll bear good fruit (Mt 12:33). The fruit of Ann is bad, and the fruit of Bill is bad.

Mt 7:20,15-20 — Every tree that doesn't bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Verse 21 —You will know them by their fruit. Are we the you? The fruit of Ann is bad. Can anyone say her fruit is good? Is her fruit good? Is she a good tree? Is she a bad tree? Is she a good tree bearing bad fruit? Right. She is. That's not possible, isn't it? (Mt 13:44-51). Can we judge fruit? Are we supposed to judge? How do you know? If we are the you we can. So we just let Ann, Bill, and Pat go on. Ann needs to make the tree good. You can't tell a person in the beginning. They all do good. In the beginning the flesh goes along with everything. Time makes the difference. Those who endure until the end are saved. We had at least several thousands turned out tares. In the beginning they were just zealous. If we do invite them over I think we need to make the tree good. Of course you can just keep on washing people, but it doesn't do any good.

Mt 24:10 — This happens right at the end of the age. People will betray one another.

*Dan 11:33,35 — The leaders will be put in jail, burned at the stake, put in prison, plundered. Others will be raised up to fill in the gap. It's amazing what's going to happen in the last days. The daily sacrifice will be taken away. A lot of people will come in by flattery. They act like they want to be saved. Whether or not the enemy is deliberately doing it *[like sending in people, like under-cover agents, to spy us out, or just people that**

somehow come in without a true confession], we are vulnerable.

If we talk to them, talk to them along those lines. It's just drudgery to talk about anything else. Tell them they need to be saved. Let's just say the fruit is love, peace, joy, patience, gentleness, kindness, self-control, and then what does it say about the fruit of the flesh? It is obvious. It is pretty unanimous what we feel. You need to speak up in this meeting if you don't feel like what's being said here is true.

Salvation is a mystery. The only thing I know is fruit. The only hope I see for them is they are still here and not gone. It's possible they could recognize their need. At the judgment the motives of the heart will be judged.

Somebody interjected that we send Pat to fairs a lot of times, but that actually, because of her divided heart and how it affects her, she is not able to properly represent us.

We tend to send people according to the flesh. We send people to many places because they are good in this or that. That's a good word. We shouldn't send her anymore.

That was the end of the social meeting. Rather than have Bill and Ann come into the social meeting, we decided that the brothers that attended the social meeting should have a meeting adjoining the social meeting to talk to Bill.

Bill, when I left here last year I really had great hope that you would be part of the ruling brothers here, that your gifting could be used in making friends with the authorities here around. You have such wonderful gifting and capacities. We see the gifting, but not necessarily the talents to go with it. People notice and see that quality is missing in your life. You need to do everything possible you can to have that quality or to be restored. In the beginning you were such a wonderful loyal brother; you poured out your life, you were essential, necessary in our travels [the year of wandering of the little flock]. You are part of the nucleus. That's how it looked to us, but our Father knows the motives.

This element in your life that you indulged in made you an inferior person. Did it happen when you got married? Did you give in to old things that your flesh craves? You irritate your wife in many ways by your peculiarities, idiosyncrasies. You seem to irritate people you are closest to or live with. Is it just on your wife's part to say so or not? You might defend yourself. Did you repent?

[Bill had been cut off for several weeks because it had been obvious that he had been walking in the flesh. He started spreading defilement to others, especially to disciples that were younger in age. He also covered up their defilement. An underground was exposed from which everybody involved in was able to repent except Bill. There was a question as to whether he had truly cut off his old fatherhood. Then a few weeks ago at the Yom Kippur Teaching Festival here in Sus Bill confessed his condition and was washed.]

You admitted and confessed. But then something happened and you got back into it. Your commitment and loyalty, your fruit is questioned again. You know the tree by its fruit (Mt 12:33).

Can you judge yourself? Have you borne good fruit? Is the fruit of the spirit coming forth? Love, true love, laying down your life from a good motive, or is it just you making yourself look good? Some people think that you can't judge yourself right. If you can't do that you are guilty of the blood and body of our Master.

Tares and wheat look alike in the beginning. After 25 years of maturing it becomes obvious what it is — the wheat is humble, but the tares are strong, proud, defensive, full of reasoning, and justifying themselves. These are the characteristics of the tare. The wheat is humble and submissive.

You should be in the ruling place, being a servant to the other brothers and sisters. You are from the beginning. That's the reason why you should be a loving shepherd along with the brothers here or in Germany.

Like it says, if the seed doesn't die it remains alone, if it dies it bears much fruit. They think you didn't bear much fruit. You did work, but you did not necessarily bear fruit. You would be doing the same thing in the world in your natural gift.

All these brothers are concerned about you. They actually do love you. They are concerned. They care about you. They want to see you prosper. You know why we don't prosper (Pr 28:13). Do you know what it says? Pr 12:8 talks about insight.

These brothers don't think you are prospering. You confessed your sin. But that's not good enough. You have to renounce, forsake it, then our Father can have compassion. His compassion and healing power can't be released unless we forsake our sin.

If you had a TV up in your room, would you be watching it? If you knew nobody else was around?

Bill: I probably would.

What about X-rated channels, would you watch that?

Bill: I don't know. I don't want to be close to that stuff. I know where it brought me to. I fear it.

You don't hate that stuff. You still have affection for it. You know that you can't just watch it, see it, but your flesh is just throbbing, it is not crucified. It will eventually come out. Our Father will give you the opportunity. That's why we need to pray, "Don't lead us into temptation." Our Father doesn't tempt us, but He leads us into a place to be tempted to show us what's in us. We want to trust you, predict your behavior. Our Father also wants to trust you and predict your behavior. You have to be loyal and faithful. We have to hate the world, our own life in the world. Maybe you still love those things even though you don't give in to them. If there is a chance you might do them. No one can say he can stand. But we can crucify our flesh, and hate what our Father hates.

How come you are back here? You confessed it all when we had the Yom Kippur teachings.

Bill: I want to hear it.

Since you've repented from all these things, you hate your flesh, you're just new so I don't know what we're talking about. Bill, do you know how we passed out of death into life?

Bill: I believe I love my brothers.

That's not how we know it. We know it by the Holy Spirit. The source has to communicate it to us (1 Jn 3:24). The source won't communicate unless we lay down our life.

1 Jn 3:16 says we ought to lay down our life, we are obligated, and then it goes on to say if you see a brother in need... Does the Holy Spirit tell you that you've passed out of death into life? Do you know it by the Holy Spirit? I'm not trying to put you on the spot. I just want to see if there is any possibility that you didn't surrender. Do you think you possibly committed a sin unto death? We'll be seeing the fruit of the spirit if you have been restored.

Esau couldn't bring himself to repentance because he traded in his birthright.

Do you feel that's how you actually love your brothers by working under cars, etc. till 3 o'clock in the morning? (Nobody should be working that hard and late every night.) Do you ever see a brother in need and give him something? That's the good example. It comes right after it says that we ought to lay down our life for the brethren (1 Jn 3:16-17).

The Holy Spirit witnesses to our spirit that we are children of God. It's pretty dangerous if you are still entertaining those things [like if things don't work out in the body I could be doing this or that in the world], getting set up in the world. We don't have any alternative.

The greatest thing is not just not drinking coffee, etc. — it's the relationship with your brothers. They don't feel they have a relationship with you. They don't have fellowship with you. You are like a natural man and understand things naturally, not spiritually. This is hard for me to judge since I don't live with you, but you deal with your brothers every day. I see you sometimes and you are always really nice to me.

Our Master said, "If you hang on to your life you will lose it." I think your brothers think you are hanging on to your life. Your own reasoning, not receiving your brothers is hanging on to your life. Whatever you do up in your room I don't know. You have to let the seed die to bear good fruit. The gospel is pretty clear.

The person is just serving our Master, not complaining about others, not comparing themselves to others. If you read the gospel you see that. The first will be the last, and the last will be the first. The complainer is gone and so is the one they complained about, the one who has been driving around, going to Newport, going to every place. The elders try to see these things and bring in the right balance.

Nobody is going to get away with just one thing, not one little thing.

Somebody expressed that it was a matter of Bill needing to be saved.

You can't have the conviction [that you are not saved] unless you are not. If I could say this I would. I can't say that I haven't seen good fruit come out of his life. But maybe this brother here sees that you are not saved. He lives with you, deals with you. I've seen you in the beginning. In the beginning tares and wheat look alike.

If you made someone fall it would be better a millstone were hung around your neck and you were drowned in the middle of the ocean.

Sticking your nose into porno is the same as sticking your penis into a prostitute.

You repented, you need to bear fruit, luscious fruit, be submissive, a humble brother, receive your brothers, lay your arm around them. Don't retreat. When it comes to being saved or not, I don't know, especially when they are faulty and are sorry and want to do right. A smoldering wick we don't put out. That's our ministry. We want Bill to be a light. Maybe his wife Ann is a smoldering wick. A smoldering wick hasn't gone out yet. There is still a little bit of fire in there. You have to blow on it just right to fan it back into a fire. If you blow on it too hard it goes out. Repent and produce the fruit of repentance. Also Ann needs to produce the fruit of repentance. It's your life. Eternity is ahead of you and your wife Ann The Holy Spirit needs to speak to you if you are in fellowship with Him. Loving your brothers is not in counting the time you spent in laying your life down. It's also not in just working on the car, although this could be. I don't think you count the hours you work.

Bill: I did at one time.

If you judge others you'll be judged. Now you are being judged. You have to repent from that. Pray that our Father will give you another opportunity, that you didn't sin a sin unto death. Esau cried and cried and wept. He couldn't bring himself to repentance. He couldn't produce the fruit of repentance.

I know if you can go to the throne of grace and receive grace you are a brother. It means you are a son. We are all going to go through times of trouble when we fear that we are deserted by God and forsaken by man. That's when we have to maintain our battle station. We just have to go on. Cry out and be honest in the faith of Yahshua. Just holler out, or whatever else it takes and speak to Him. He is waiting for you to see what's in you. When you know it He'll come to you. He loves you, and we love you, too. We just want to see that fruit. We want to see that fellowship, compassion, and mercy coming forth from you.

These are your friends here. If they are not they are going to be condemned. If they don't seek your good they are not your brothers. You love them and seek their good.

There's a way out. We are each other's way out.

Friends are reconciled. There is nothing between them, no strife, division, enmity.

After Bill was dismissed a word of instruction was given to the other brothers that had been present in the meeting.

Don't think on the past, think on the future. We are taking ground. The Holy Spirit is taking ground. Cultivate it. You know what that means. Love him. Don't have even one negative attitude about him. Don't think about the past. If you do you'll be judged. Only think about the future. Erase the past, or you will have a negative attitude towards him. He needs love, friends.