

Bar Mitzvah — Not Loving the World

Bar Mitzvah is more than just having a conversation with our children before they enter into the covenant. Make sure you get a hold of the teachings twelve years before it's time for the *Bar Mitzvah* —in some cases even sooner. If you're not married you have to get it sooner.

For twelve years the parents have totally, absolutely turned their heart towards their child. The child knows it. It's automatic. It's like gravity. It's just like we *know* we've passed out of death into life. Then after *Bar Mitzvah* the child's heart turns towards the parents to serve them until they're given away by them in marriage or to serve the Body.

First the parents' heart has to turn before the child's heart can turn. What can I do to repay my parents for all they've done — for all the encouragement, discipline, for teaching their children not to love the world? Our children have something better than the world. They have their parents.

The years from 12-20 finish the child to be given away as the Male Child, to be sent away one day as the Male Child.

The first thing we understood about child training was Gen 18:19. The fathers of the seed of Abraham who live by faith have a family who are commandable. We have to be willing to receive commands. We have to be willing to do our Father's will in His house.

Our children have to become commandable. This is not just talking about the Ten Commandments. Certainly they know them. It's talking about the commandments in the heart, about what's not written on stone tablets.

Jn 14:21 — In these years from twelve on our Master Yahshua will reveal Himself to these children until they are adults and minister in the Body of Messiah. These children are commandable. They've been trained from 1-12. They are ready.

You have to be *trained* before you can be *taught*. That's also one of the first things that we learned — that being trained comes before being taught. It doesn't say, "*Teach* a child in the way he should go." Children have to be *trained* to listen, obey, pay attention. Then they can be taught because they are disciples (Jn 6:45). They come under authority.

Isa 50:4-5 — "Be careful how you hear," our Master said over and over again. He knew a disciple has been trained to hear. Others who aren't disciples can't hear. When they hear, they hear something else. What they hear doesn't produce obedience, eternal life.

We finally produce a nation for our Father. Nobody has ever done it. If they did, they didn't have the next generation. Even David couldn't really do it. Shlomo had a worthless son, who listened to worthless fellows. Peer pressure destroyed him. He listened to worthless fellows, not spiritual people.

When we went to Spain the other day we drove along the river. Levi was with us. I saw kayaks in the river. I told Levi, who was reading his Bible, "Look." His comment was: "Dissipation. I don't love the world." Then we saw mountain climbers — "These things have no meaning to me," Levi said.

Of course our children can go canoeing sometimes, if it's productive, if there's a purpose in it. We can use the world, Paul said, but not *love* it so as to make "full use" of it. It's good to get our children to climb up something. It's good to get them used to some danger. It's good that at least they can run. But we had people in Bellows Falls planted by Satan, leading us into sports, games. We lost our emphasis. "Whoever has My commandments and keeps them..." (Jn 14:21,23). Rom 5:5 — The Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts, meaning the love of God. The Holy Spirit is the love of God. If you have the Holy Spirit, you have the love of God. Faith and grace is the love of God (Rom 5:5).

1 Jn 2:15 says if we love the world, the love of God is not in us. Somehow we had a false baptism. If we love the things of the world, the things that people are just enamored in, the love of God is not in us. When you walk around outside and don't see anybody anymore, because all are just watching TV, it's horrible.

The love of God is *poured* out in our heart. It fills our heart up. You don't have room for anything else. Our heart has to be filled all the way up, running over. There is no room for anything else. You can't mix it with anything else.

Levi has a testimony. He set his face like flint. He loves our Master Yahshua and not the world, just like a

normal disciple does.

To give our life is the least we can do since He did this for us. It's also the most we can do. We *ought* to do it. There is no other way for a disciple. We are not reserving anything for ourselves. Everything is used for Him. I don't want to be any less than what He wants me to be. I want to live up to His expectation of what He wants me to be. It's just like if you children lived up to your parents' expectation. They approve of you. That's why you can become a *bar mitzvah*. It's a great honor. You have honored your parents by becoming a *bar mitzvah*.