

A Note to Families

The Holy Nation is a WHOLE. In order for it to be the Holy Nation, it must be whole. It must be that every single part does its part for it to work. We each have a responsibility to put into practice His commands; if there is a breakdown at any part of this “whole” then darkness begins to gain ground. In order for His promises to cover even our “faulty” faithfulness we must be diligent to obey what we know.

Every husband and every wife will stand in the judgment to answer for all the times they did not fulfill their marriage vows to each other, that is, if they did not recognize it and confess it to their spouse beforehand and to their Father in Heaven, as every Bible puts it in Eph 5:33, especially the Amplified Version:

However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

Each of you must love his wife as his very own self and the wife must see to it that she pays her husband all respect. This is a specific command, applied individually to each husband and to each wife.

So, whatever LOVE IS, the husband must love no less than his wife must. Whatever “love” means here in the context, the husband must find out if he does not know.

And the next verse applies to each child of this marriage union. The child must know what it means to obey. He or she must have already been trained to obey in order to obey the word addressed to them. All this together is the FAMILY, which makes up the CLAN/COMMUNITY in every place. The child that does not obey his parents breaks “the covenant.”

Fathers are specifically instructed not to exasperate their children... “BUT” – the ‘but’ tells them what it means to exasperate them. Instead of exasperating them, TRAIN them to obey. If they are not trained to obey, they will not obey the command in Eph 6:1 and will be in disobedience to both the word here and the commandments, which by now should be in their hearts (and His commandments should not be burdensome to them; 1 Jn 5:1-5). Paul is assuming here (in Eph 6:1 and Col 3:20) that the children he is addressing are BELIEVERS, bearing the fruit of the Spirit of Yahshua the Messiah. Otherwise he would not have addressed them to obey their parents — the same parents who had not exasperated them, but instead had trained them, nurtured them, and brought them up as parents who must stand in the judgment to answer for the way they did this. This is the way in which they are commanded to bring them up in the training and instruction of Yahweh. Gen 18:19 is what it means to keep the way of Yahweh.

Every place a command is given WE who are parents, children (bat or bar mitzvah age), husbands or wives, must see that these are the commandments that all who know our Master obey (1 Jn 2:4; Jn 8:31,32,51; 14:15, 21; 1 Jn 5:3). And this is LOVE — to obey His commandments.

Each person in the *family of God* is to obey His commandments (Jer 31:1). Then He will be *their God*, making *their* clan complete. Eph 3:15 — His whole family means the whole *edah* of Jer 30:20.

Husbands, wives, and their children are to dwell in unity (Ps 133). (That is, all who are under the *anointing of the Spirit*, in order to have confidence in the Day of Judgment; 1 Jn 2:27-28).

Parents, do not wait until it is *too late* to obey your *instructions* concerning your children. Husbands, do not wait too late to love your wife. Wives, do not wait too late to respect your husband. A wife is waiting to be loved by her husband. A husband is waiting to be respected (in all it means) by his wife. Children who have not been exasperated will NOW obey their parents in everything (Col 3:18-21; Mal 4:6).

Too late is too late — turn your heart to them before they are conceived and this will be doing what all Abraham’s spiritual seed does (Jn 8:39, Gen 18:19). This is something every single person must earnestly consider before he or she marries. The elders must carefully warn those considering marriage that their faithfulness to obey what our Master commanded, being loyal to the covenant (the vows) they make on their wedding day, will dramatically effect the “WHOLE.” People should not

consider having children (thus marrying) if they do not set themselves to keep the Way of Yahweh in raising children. For it will take the amazing grace to capture your children's hearts with "tight hands" (control), without "exasperating" them. This will come through diligently seeking Him. Then at the Judgment you will not be of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe, trust and obey, and are saved — that is, have faith and live by faith, trusting in obedience (Heb 6:7-9; 10:38-39). Gen 15:18 and 18:19 has to do with Rev 11:15 and 19:11-20, Rev 20:1-2, and ultimately Rev 20:10 and 21:9,12 — **ONLY THOSE WHO KEEP HIS WAY** — that is, Jn 8:39,43.

There are many ways one could follow. There is a way that seems right to a man, but if it is not the WAY of Yahweh it will end in destruction, as Heb 10:39 teaches those who are keeping *His Way*. Dan 12:10 says that only the "wise" will understand. The lawless that keep their own way shall not understand (Dan 12:1-2). The wise are described in Dan 11:30-35, and the unwise in Dan 12:10. Pr 2:1-5 is how to become wise, if you can understand (#995).

Parents, you will be judged also on whether or not you yourselves were proper judges who can judge a tree by its fruit. First you should judge yourselves, and then YOU should be able to judge your children. As we said, Paul is assuming that the children he addressed in Eph 6:1 and Col 3:20 are *believers*. That is, they are proving their discipleship by bearing much fruit (Jn 15:8). You know, as well as your Father in Heaven knows, whether you are abiding in Him, and that your children are abiding in you, and thus bearing much fruit of the Spirit. You know by the fruit that they bear whether they are abiding in the vine.

Unless your children are abiding in you, they are not abiding in the Vine, Yahshua. You know, as well as He knows (or you SHOULD know — having an intimate relationship with them, crying out to your Father to give you wisdom with these children that He has given to you, since before they were born you have been praying diligently for the grace to bring them up in His Way — thus you KNOW your children). Gal 5:22-23 is the *fruit* ALL believers, regardless of age, bear. Mt 7:20 — As we said, you know by the fruit.

So, if you see that the Spirit is not in control of your child, then you must take control. You will be judged by your indifference, not bringing your child under your *control*.

Even James Dobson (Christian Counselor) advises parents to "take heart and take charge." One woman under his counseling said, "He made me realize that 'hey, I am the parent here. I am in control'. He helped me realize it is OK to be firm and set guidelines." Another man said, "He taught me that you must conform to strict guidelines or you are in trouble, just like with your morals."

As ha-emeq has always said, "Tight hands! Without tight hands they slip right through your fingers."

The Way of Yahweh is the Way of the Sovereignty of Elohim, as Gen 17:1 affirms, "Walk blameless before Me." That is, wholeheartedly, "and I will confirm my covenant between you and Me and will multiply you exceedingly." That is, I will give you children whom I can save (Ps 72:4; Gen 18:19; Isa 49:25 — "Your children," Ps 102:28). Isa 49:17 — Your sons shall make up for the "slack" caused by the destroyers (Pr 28:9, NIV).

Those who rebuild you make better speed than those who pulled you down, while those who laid you waste depart. Raise your eyes and look around you. See how they assemble, how your sons are flocking to you. Isa 49:17 — Your sons (builders) hasten back and those who laid you waste depart from you. Isa 62:5 — Sons (builders) marry you. This marrying can be no other way than Mal 4:6 — if a father does not know how to turn around and face his child, then he is not the seed of Abraham. LOOK AT YOUR CHILD! Face him, pay close attention to him, give him your attention. Bonding can begin at no other place.

Now, go back to the beginning. Do not expect your children to be obedient and respectful unless there is a good relationship between the husband and wife. They will be affected by you breaking your marriage vows (Eph 5:22-33). It will not be a surprise when they grow up to bring shame to you, as the proverbs say.

Take control of the situation now. Put into practice the commands of His word, which you have been given (Jn 8:51; 14:21,23,24; Dt 21:18-21). Have an affectionate love for our Master Yahshua (1 Cor 16:22).