

Bar Mitzvah *Preparing our Sons to Receive the Holy Spirit*

On page 22 of the #4 3ED Freepaper, under the heading, “The Way of the Lord,” the second sentence reads, “He spent much time preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit.” Heb 12:7 says that our Father deals with us as sons, so how should we be as fathers?

Only **after** we (or our children) receive the Holy Spirit can we (or they) be trained to rule with Messiah for 1,000 years on earth. Heb 12:7 — Without an earthly father our children cannot be trained and prepared to receive the Holy Spirit at age 13, and from that time onward be trained for the Kingdom — to rule with Messiah (Rev 5:10; 20:4-6). Training our children for the Kingdom Reign of Messiah without the Holy Spirit is mere torture — they have neither vision nor gratification to enable them to endure — so they end up exasperated and leaving.

So fathers **must** spend much time with their children, training and preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit, and then training them to rule with Messiah, at least up until they are married and bring their own children up to receive the Holy Spirit. Only in this way will they be the Male Child (Rev 14:1-5; Ex 20:5-6).

Pr 22:6 — Why? Because they received the Holy Spirit to be trained for the Kingdom. After the dedication, parents have the one goal in mind for their children toward which they strive — Bar Mitzvah. That is, preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit and then to be trained to rule in the Kingdom they bring about by their obedience to the Spirit.

Although a father circumcises his son on the 8th day, it still has to become “reality” as the parents cut off the flesh in their son’s life, bringing him into proper self-judgment, resulting in his salvation. Parents must act in confidence in order to communicate faith to their offspring. This comes from being turned wholeheartedly to their child and being resolute to abide in the covenant they themselves have made with their God, training their child according to Gen 18:19 — the Way of Yahweh. Once the child becomes a Bar Mitzvah and stands in absolute agreement to the terms of the covenant (“life for life”), then at that point the child’s eternal destiny is “set.” He will be “sealed” with the Holy Spirit. But if the parents are not raising their child from the day they are born for the Holy City, then for what purpose have they been born?

Circumcision means they have been “set on course” for the Holy City. They have been born for no other purpose. If this is not the parent’s heart-felt conviction and attitude from the moment their child is born (actually even when conceived), then their child should not be circumcised. Even if they go through the “ritual” of circumcision, they have no faith and are “cut off from the people.” They won’t have strength of character and faith to “see to it” that they truly circumcise their child “in reality.”

What is dedication before the temple (the Body of Messiah) all about if the parents are not committing themselves to this endeavor – the City of God? What other course can “our” children have (being the seed of Abraham) if it is not to reach their ultimate goal? As it says about Abraham in Heb 11:10, “He went out looking for a *city* which had foundations and whose architect and builder was God Himself.”

So circumcision (or dedication) and Bar Mitzvah are harmoniously one — inseparable from one another.

Certainly, there are different aspects to each one of these things in the Body, but ultimately they are one and at each stage in the child’s life there must be the reality of what is happening.