

We Come to the Minchah in Faith

We come here in faith, as if He was here physically on the throne. We are singing to Him. That's what the morning and evening minchah is. If it is not that, we are waning. If we do have that faith, then He will speak to us. We cannot be just coming here in our flesh. This is training for us to stand before Him someday.

ha-Emeq — This reminds me of a story we had in Shimone: Our Master was saying, "Whom do you say that I am?" Some answered in their flesh, but Kepha heard from heaven. He said, "You're the Messiah, Son of the living God." And Yahshua said, "On this rock I'm going to build my Edah." -- on that ability to hear from God. That's what He can build on.

This morning someone shared something he heard in his heart — that he sensed that our Father was near to him when he turned to Him this morning. Well, He can build on that. It's the simplest thing, but it is building material. Just like that centurion who came to our Master, who pleaded for his servant. He was a man under authority; he understood that all our Master had to do was say a word. Our Master said He'd never seen faith like this in all Israel. Our Master is looking for us to hear from something else than our own reasoning.

Neriyah — We need to be connected to the true life. If we come here in the flesh, we will be quiet or come up with something in our own reasoning.

Kepha — You cannot separate having fellowship with our Father from having fellowship with one another. Then it would be mystical — Christianity. 1 Jn 1:6 – This is the key. If there is not fellowship, there is sin. He wants to forgive us. He wants us to be open so that we can come back in fellowship and peace with one another.

Yochanan — An oyster is mushy, a mushy thing, but from the pressure it makes a hard, beautiful, perfect thing. Sometimes we are like mush when it comes to setting our mind on the spirit and being connected, but our Father is going to make us into rock-like material and that will be just as miraculous as the forming of a pearl.

Chanowk — (Rom 12:1-2) Paul said, "I urge you..." I really desire for you... What I understand here is that he really wants us to prove to the world that the only true sacrifice is a poured-out life. If you had a cup half poured out it would only be a cup half poured out, not a poured-out cup. The world doesn't do this; they want to make people believe that you don't have to do this, to completely pour out your life.

Our Master said that if anyone wants to follow Him he had to pick up his cross — deny his personal thoughts, feelings, agenda. So how do you follow Yahshua when He is not here physically? But our Father established authority here. Our Abba chose Moshe. If anyone of those Israelites wanted to follow God he had to deny himself and follow Moshe, despite all Moshe's faults and failures. The only true sacrifice is a poured-out life, and the only way we can do it is if we deny ourselves.

That's what the drink offering was. It was poured out on the altar. It was a type of what we would have to do. We can sing and speak and everything else, but if we don't give the drink offering, it is not a true sacrifice.

Sometimes we have a misconception of what sin is. But it destroys our minchot. We have to see our sin and understand what it is. The greatest sin is if, for instance, a brother needs to be encouraged and we pass him by. That's why it says to stimulate one another daily — *consider*, pray for them, for wisdom and understanding on how to speak to them, how to help them. Not loving is the greatest sin.

Sometimes we don't think of this as sin, but if this is the case, we are not wise — we are foolish. Paul said he could not find one wise man among you. Some will understand and some will not in the last day. We have to be those who have understanding.

Yathar — The minchah is where He speaks to us and gives us the power and strength to go through those circumstances that makes us a pearl.

Haggai — Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Our hope is our Master Yahshua, to enter the kingdom with Him. Our hope is something in the future, and what brings our hope close to us is the faith. Our Master said He

would find faith. He is going to come to find faith. Faith makes us give our lives, endure and go toward the goal. I am thankful we can have faith and come in faith and hear faith. We cannot just pray to our Father and think everything is ok, even if it is not ok with our brothers and sisters. But in the beginning of the minchah we stretch our hands to our brothers and sisters and make sure there is shalom, and so now we can stretch our hands to our Father and give our lives to Him.