

Not Reasoning with the Evil One *A Story by ha-emeq*

I want to tell you a story about something we've been learning about this week that you really need to learn, because most people don't know it — but you need to learn this.

You are not just made up of physical parts, but there is a part of you that you can't touch. See, this is the material part (*she touches a boy's arm*), but there is an immaterial part that you can't see and it's the part that lives down behind your eyeballs. It's the spiritual part. And it's very important that you know this because there's something amazing about this spiritual part that lives inside of you.

When our God first made Adam he was so nice and he was totally connected with his Father. They had eye contact and communicated with one another. And Havah was the same, *but* her spirit was not on guard and she didn't *think* when she came face to face with an evil spirit. He came to her to tempt her and she just wasn't thinking that she was a spiritual person.

So there she was, walking in the garden, and she came to a situation that she needed to be wise about. But she just wasn't thinking. The whole universe is woven with spiritual beings that you can't see. (Don't be scared.) There are bad ones and they're connected to the evil one. He came to Havah as some kind of a creature (maybe a snake, but we don't really know what he looked like). She was being tested. The creature said to her, "Did God *really* say that you couldn't eat from *all* the trees in the garden?" If she was wise she wouldn't have gotten into reasoning with him, but she answered, "We may eat of all the trees, but just not the one that's in the center of the garden, or we'll die." He saw that she was coming down on level ground with him because she was starting to *reason*. Up until that point they were on opposite sides, until her spirit was confronted with another spirit. She should have been communicating with her Father, but she went into reasoning.

So, that spirit (it wasn't the snake speaking, but an evil spirit) that you can't see said, "No. You won't *die*!"

(However he said it, it was a personal way to her; the perfect way for her so she'd believe him.)

Something inside of her should have said, "Havah, don't reason! *Run* to your Abba!" But she reasoned. The evil spirit said, "No, no, no. You won't *die*! God knows that if you eat from that tree your eyes will be opened up and you'll be *just* like God, yourself." She started to reason. She started looking at the tree. She was coming on level ground with the enemy. She thought, "That fruit *does* look good." (It's like a virus. When one person gets a virus and he starts coughing (*cough*), others get it.) A virus entered in and the fall happened.

So, Adam fell and became a reasoning creature. He started reasoning back and forth and he wasn't in communion with his Father anymore. He couldn't run to Him and ask Him what to do. That's what happened to the first Adam and the second Adam came about many years later.

He was such a *good* man and He came at a time when He was ready. When He was growing up He had gone to training and He *always* listened to His father, Yoceph. He wasn't any different than us in the way He looked. He had arms and legs and a mouth, *but* in His spirit (the part you can't see) He was *ready*.

He knew the story of Adam and Havah. He read the Bible and He knew a lot. And when it came time for our Master Yahshua to be baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and filled Him. And the Holy Spirit said, "Go on out there," and He was led into the wilderness. It's like a desert. (Yoneq and I have gone through a desert and it's not a nice place. It's *so hot* and really hard to be there.) He had nothing with Him and He was walking around and was in communion with His Father and He was leading Him out there. He was walking just like Havah had gone for a walk.

Now, when you want to test someone... It's not like in training when your teacher says, "How much is 2 and 2?" But it's a lot higher test. It was like the biggest problem you could get. You don't do it on the first day or not even on the second day. The evil one waited for the right time. Our Master had no food out there and when you're hungry it's a lot easier to get aggravated. (You know how it is when we're fasting for one day and sometimes people say, "I'm so weak.") He found water sometimes, but after awhile He had no more fat on His bones. He kept walking and talking to His Abba and 10 days went by and 20 days and 30 days

and finally 40 days had gone by and He hadn't eaten. Then at the end of that time He was hungry. He was *very* hungry. And there He was and it was time for His test. It had to be just like Havah was tested (in His spirit). The same thing was happening to Him.

The evil one came to Him. (I don't know how he looked, but an evil spirit came to Him.) And it's like it is here — it's a spiritual thing. People give in to spirits all the time. We either have a good spirit or a bad spirit, but we always have a spirit.

So here comes a spiritual encounter – His spirit and the spirit of the evil one. Our Master was so hungry and He probably thought, "I'm so hungry." And there was a stone on the ground and because He was so hungry it looked just like bread to Him. He was hungry and He was a regular man. So He saw the stone and it looked like bread. And a thought came to Him, a voice in His spirit... (Here comes the test. He was weak in His spirit.) "If you're really the son of God, if you're *really* the Son of God, then tell that stone to turn into a loaf of bread!"

Now could Yahshua have done it? **Yes!** He was just a real, hungry man. He thought about it, but His spirit was ready. He answered with the wisdom He had stored up. "*Man does not live by bread alone.*" His answer came from reading the Scriptures. He answered from His spirit. He was *wise*. But, the bad spirit was *not* happy with His answer! He didn't get down on his level and reason. But that's not the end of the test. It still went on.

So the evil one said, "Come over here. Let's look down over at that high place." So they walked together over to a high place on a mountain where you could look down and see for a long way, but you knew there was still a lot more there, too, that you couldn't see. And the evil one let Him see the world (beautiful land, palaces and wealth), the wealth of the whole world. And our Master looked at it all and the evil one said, "All of this has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I *want* to give it to." He wanted it to go into His spirit. "I can give it to you." Yahshua could see all of it. "I can give it *all* to you. All this power is mine and you can have it. *You* can have all the power over this and the glory that goes with it." This is the test. It was something He was hearing and thinking about. "All *you* have to do is give *me* the respect that I'm due! Just honor and worship me and all this is *yours*!"

Our Master Yahshua heard this in His spirit and He was wise enough to answer right. "*The Scriptures say* (maybe He had heard this from Yoceph or from His rabbi), *that it is YHWH alone whom you should serve.*" That was the **end!** No more reasoning! They weren't on level ground.

The evil one could see that Yahshua was on religious ground. So the evil one thought, "I know where I can get Him." So he said, "Come. Let's go to the temple in Jerusalem." So he took him there.

Our Master *loved* the temple. And there was a high wall around it and from where they were they could look down and see all the people down there and the smoke of the sacrifices going up. And while Yahshua was standing and looking down, a voice came to His spirit. "If you are *really* the Son of God then throw yourself down. *Jump*, because it says in the Scriptures..." Now a spirit was using the Scriptures! He was getting smart! "*He will give His angels charge over You to keep you from stumbling.* You won't even trip on a stone!"

Now how did that spirit know to use the Scriptures? He was a *bad* spirit. Will Yahshua be tricked by Him? But He was on guard. "*The Scriptures also say, do not put YHWH, your God, to a foolish test.*"

Oh! The evil spirit had exhausted himself to try to find a way to trick Him. But he couldn't. So he left Him until a more opportune moment, another time when He would try to trick Him. So he left Him. Yahshua passed the test in His spirit. He *didn't* give in!

Do *you* think you can be tested in your spirit? It's been going on for so long — since Adam and Havah. People have to make choices. All of us are spiritual. We are either listening to a good spirit or a bad spirit all the time.

Yahshua started a whole new race of man, a new line. The second Adam *passed* the test. If Havah had passed the first time, it would have been easier the second time.

So remember, you're made up of material (your body) and immaterial (the spiritual), and you're tested in your spirit. So when a thought comes to you to be disobedient, you have to choose. There's always the test. In

training you're not tested on what you haven't been taught. Our Master Yahshua paid attention and knew how to be wise when the evil one came to test Him. And you'll be tested the same way. But you *can* overcome just like Yahshua did if you realize that you have a spirit. You *can* overcome the way Yahshua did.

[Yoneq] Rev 12:9 — The evil one of this world puts man in such a terrible, horrible place. He's leading the whole world astray. This is probably the worst time in history (such fighting, so many useless wars, human suffering). And he will even try to lead us astray. He's been doing it for a long time. He led Adam and Havah and the people before the flood and on and on, leading people away from the covenant. We reason with him even though we know it's wrong.

This age is coming to an end and we'll enter into the millennium for 1,000 years. Then at the end of that time Satan will be let out to lead the world astray, again. Our Father will allow this, to let him do what he does. Our Father will test the whole world. All men know the right thing to do, but they don't do it. Our Father wants those who won't be led astray from the second covenant. Even after the millennium people will not know the right thing to do and Satan will deceive many in the world (Rev 20:7-10). Many people will be led astray and try to destroy our Master Yahshua.

This immaterial part of us is in tune with some other spirit if we're not paying attention. We're not listening to the Holy Spirit when we're unkind (not having peace, joy, love). If we're not forbearing with our brothers and not loving them, then our spirit is *not* in tune with the Holy Spirit and we're not bearing the fruit of the Spirit. For example, if we don't have self-control and we are getting fatter and fatter, we're not in communion. Or if we have anorexia, we're in tune with an evil spirit. If we're not having patience with one another, then we're not filled with the Holy Spirit. If we continue being impatient all the time then something's wrong.

We need salvation. We're being saved from the evil one's tactics. He tries to lead us astray. He doesn't want us to wear the royal diadem so we can wear a crown when our Master returns.

Right now we're in an embryonic stage. We are *barely* believers. But we're going to grow and grow until we're like the woman in Rev 12. A nation is being born.

Chets Barur: I'm thankful there's no guessing. The evil one appeals to our reasoning and there's no way we can "un-reason" him. As soon as we open up the door, he's *got* us! But Yahshua didn't open up the door.

It's obvious when we have peace, patience, self-control. If we don't we're in tune with an evil spirit. It might not be our heart to be this way, but we *are* in tune with an evil spirit. I'm thankful it's black and white.

Our Master prayed to be delivered from evil and He instructed us to pray to be delivered from the schemes of the evil one. People who don't pray to be delivered from evil aren't believers. We're in the natural unless we pray to be delivered. He has to *have* us. If we're not obedient to Him then we'll be just like the first Edah; they became an organized religion.

In France, they're trying to destroy us because we're not an organized religion. We're a threat to the evil one, people putting his tactics under our Master Yahshua's feet. Our Master prayed, "*Father keep them and protect them ...*" (Jn 17:11). This is the unity that will bring about the end of the age. That's why we are in existence. We're here to bring about the end of the age. That's what we're here to do.