

Becoming Vessels for Honor

Yochanan Abraham – Fear casts out love. We don't have to be afraid to say that we are actually not up to par in this area or that. Healing comes no other way than by hearing and receiving and humbling ourselves.

ha-Emeq – That is really the key. If a person can hear that, he can receive that key. If you say, "I think I'm one of the best," usually there is a worthless feeling in the back of it that you are the worst. You are afraid to say that because you think, "If I say it, then that will be the end of me." It says that in the last days people will be boastful. It's because some lying spirit has been convincing him he is worthless and so he will do worthless things.

So we see where we are at and we don't have to be afraid to admit it. Ahhh, I need help. It is so that we will say, "Yahshua, help me this day. I'm afraid to put my feet on the ground." Otherwise a worthless spirit says, "See, look at you." And you will be hanging your head down or else you will be boastful. Once you are honest you don't have to hang your head because you can be saved!

If we read a certain verse in the Bible, some people might have a worthless feeling come to them. "In a great house, there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor." So some people would say, "That's me. I'm a vessel of dishonor. I'm just a pot." "...some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself of the latter, he will be a vessel for honor." Some are vessels of dishonor because they won't cleanse themselves of dishonor. 2 Tim 2:19 — "The firm foundation of Elohim stands..." It stands. You cannot move it. "It has a seal: He knows who are His. Let everyone who says they are His depart from iniquity." *Iniquity* is what makes you a vessel of dishonor. You can find it in Jn 7:18. There are people who speak from themselves to seek their own glory. It may make a dishonorable vessel look like an honorable vessel, but he is really a dishonorable vessel. Falsehood, deceit makes us dishonorable. Covering up things, not admitting things, not confessing things, acting like everything is ok when it is not. That is what we have to cleanse ourselves from.

If we cleanse ourselves from falsehood and deceit, we will be vessels of honor. 2 Tim 2:20-21. "If anyone cleanses himself from falsehood and deceit, from loving the world, he will be a vessel of honor, useful to the Master, sanctified, prepared for every good work." That means a vessel of honor. *Honor* there means glory, esteem to the highest degree.

In Daniel 12:2-3 it speaks about how some of us will rise (all of us will be raised – those who belong to Him – who must depart from falsehood and deceit). So in Dan 12:2-3 some will rise from the dead in the last day (or be taken up with him) and go to judgment. Some will go to age-lasting contempt, shame, disgrace, and some to age-lasting life in the next age. Some will be like the stars (actually *luminaries*) giving light in the universe forever and ever.

2 Tim 2:19 — This is the solid foundation: the Sovereign knows who are His, and, let everyone who names the name of Messiah depart from iniquity — falsehood, deceit, seeking their own glory.

2 Tim 2:26 speaks about people who are in the trap of Satan and then come to their senses. I thought of those people who wrote that song we sung ("I open my eyes to see..."). I love them. They fell into the trap of Satan and destroyed someone's life. They weren't receiving grace and were sent out. There will be perilous times in the last days. People will be slanderers, lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving (without natural affection), truth breakers, covenant breakers, untrustworthy, unforgiving, without self control, brutal, despises of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.

Unforgiving – if you are unforgiving that means you remember offenses someone did ten years ago. That means that your sins are piling up (Mt 6:14). And then you get so weighed down with sin, you will be purged out of the Body and you will be all of those things [mentioned above].

It says that they have a "form of godliness." What could that be? They deny the power. They deny the heart of the matter – love and the Holy Spirit pouring out of them. They speak the word, but don't have it in their life.

This is what we are talking about in this day, in the very last days. This is how people are going to be in the world AND in the Body.

2 Tim 2:22 – It says to flee youthful desires, foolish desires for things of the world. Pursue righteousness and faith, love and peace with those who call on Yahshua with a pure heart. *Pure* means without deceit and falsehood. In the waters of baptism we had no falsehood or deceit when we called on our Master Yahshua and we are to continue that way.

Yacath – “denying the power” made me think about Eph 3:20. It’s all according to how we allow that power to work in us. We are strengthened with His power. His word cuts us and divides spirit from foolish desires, etc. The word comes to us, but we have to allow it to come into us. Some people talk but they won’t let his power come into them because they are on their own power.

If we think we can do it without Him we are arrogant and proud and good for nothing, because we can do nothing without Him.