

Taste and See that Yahweh is Good

1 Cor 12:12 —“*For as the body [the human body, or a body] is one [with one head and singleness of purpose] yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body [he is really emphasizing the point here], so also is Messiah’s body.*” Our body is a type of Messiah’s body. You can see what Messiah’s body is like by looking at your own body. It can’t be any different. If you’re a member, it’s the same as with your own body.

We are all one. We receive direction from the head, with no independent movements. “*By one Spirit we all are baptized into one body, and were all made to drink of the one Spirit.*” So that is why we come here on Shabbat morning and bring back everything the Holy Spirit taught us. It’s so we can be one body and pass on what we learned. Sometimes people don’t hear everything. Sometimes people don’t listen. Maybe they get one thing and miss it on something else. Maybe they don’t get it all. We bring it back, so that we can be one body. Every member brings back what he learned so the whole body can learn, and the whole body can be nourished. A cow regurgitates so that the nourishment can be assimilated into every part. It’s our responsibility as members of the Body to do that — if we are members. We believe each one of us is a member, but we have found that many weren’t members of the Body after all.

Eph 4:12 says the saints are equipped to build up the Body, edifying itself in love. If this is not reality, if we do not do this, then we’re no different from anyone else that turned out to be a fraud. It’s up to each member to take responsibility for the growth of the Body. Down through history there have been so many movements, but nothing materialized into the fully-orbed, fully-faceted, complete, twelve-tribed nation that will startle and galvanize the whole world.

The work our brothers did was not in vain. Zebulun said they have stacks of bricks that they dug out. It was an amazing labor, an incredible amount of energy went into it, but whether or not we put those bricks on these courtyards doesn’t really make that much difference. Our Father saw your labor. He saw your good attitude, your unity, and love that you had as you were working together. He can do something mighty and great five years from now. Our Father will build a tribe, a nation. His ways are higher than ours, so we might as well trust Him.

Ps 34:8 – *Taste and see that YHWH is good.* Certain people have different tastes — taste in clothing, food, etc. Taste is what we take joy in. We have to have real discernment... true perception and evaluation to see that YHWH is good in what we went through. Whether we get the bricks or not, we say, *Thank you, Father!* And that casts away accusations. Then maybe our Father will change that man’s heart, or maybe He has other bricks in mind for us.

Then the camper broke down, and you could hardly see the good in that. But there they are at the bus station at Heathrow Airport, and they meet a man. You wouldn’t have been out at Heathrow, would you, if it weren’t for the camper breaking down? No, that’s right, you wouldn’t have been there. So, you see how our Father has to organize things for His purpose, and the man already rang up. He read the paper, and “Andrew’s Lamb” really spoke to him. All things work together for the good! Even Job went through a whole lot. We go through a lot, but look at Job. He never accused God. *Taste and see that YHWH is good.*

Some people’s tastes wouldn’t like what happened yesterday. They would say, *He’s against us.* But He’s actually treating us like the righteous, like the saints. In the end it’s going to be great and marvelous. *How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Oh fear the Sovereign, you His saints... His holy ones. There is no lack for those who fear Him.* If we don’t fear Him, we have lack. *The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they who seek the Sovereign shall not be in want of any good thing. Come you children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of YHWH. Who is the young man who desires life?* He sent His Son for us to have life.

Who is it of *Bar Mitzvah* age that loves many days of life? Here is what he is supposed to do. Keep your tongue from being from the Evil One. Keep the Evil One from being in control of it. Keep your lips from speaking from the Evil One. Don’t allow the Evil One to speak through you. Through deceit,

lies, not telling things how it *actually* happened. *Depart from evil, do good, seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of YHWH are on His saints, His godly ones; His ears are open to their cry. His face is against evil-doers [as in Jn 3:12; His face was against Cain]; He cuts off their remembrance from the earth.* In all the ages to come, in eternity, their memory will be cut off. They have gone to the place where evil is. *The saints cry out and YHWH hears them, and delivers them out of their troubles. YHWH is near to the broken hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

Our spirits were crushed a little bit yesterday. *Many are the afflictions of the saints.* But the good news is that we can trust in Him. No matter how much we hear the evil on the left, we have the Father and He loves us. We're serving Him. We're don't love the world.

In this age we are tested. Everyone in this age is tested. It's His pre-determined plan. We have to tell people that they are being tested. They don't have to go to the lake of fire. They can turn their heart to Him, or at least to their conscience. Our Father is going to be justified in the end.

Maybe we didn't pray enough about the bricks. We could use that to justify ourselves. *What difference would it make if I had prayed? They want 7,000 pounds for those bricks anyway!* But our Father can do all things.

Jonathan — It's the same as in Deuteronomy. *I set before you life and death.* He's building more than a pavement here.

That's right. We build things all the time, and leave them. All those cafes and delis, and houses... we fixed them up and left them. We couldn't get any money for them, but we've got life!

We went from Chattanooga to Island Pond, and it was so hard... a great suffering, so cold. It was an amazing test for us. Our Father knew what was in us, but it was all so that we could know what is in us. Dt 8 says how we can repent and confess. We could curse God and die. It could have come out later when there were so many more people in the community, and devastated us. The whole building would have come down. Right now the foundation is being tested.

Avivah suffered in her realm of suffering as an imma. We have to go through much tribulation and suffering to enter the kingdom. Those who suffer with Him are also glorified with him (Rom 8:17).

His ways are higher than our ways. We have to remember that. You could have said it was wrong to leave the Old School House, but here we are in Winnipeg, and our Father is adding to our number.

Kol Lev — I didn't want to thank our Father when I got a parking ticket today, but I know our Father wants me to learn to not go along in my own strength.

Jonathan — In Dt 9:6, God said through Joshua, *You are a stubborn people and He is not giving us the land, because of any of our righteousness.*"

Pr 20:30 says how He is getting that stubbornness out. You should know that proverb by heart. Stripes that wound get the evil out of the innermost part. If they are only superficial, they strengthen rebellion. Zebulun got to know ways to move around so that the end of the rod didn't get him. It didn't penetrate to his heart. Now our Father has got a hold of him, and He has mercy on him. Now He's getting out of him what the rod didn't get out

He deflected the pain and didn't give himself to suffering. He tried to get out of it, and thought he was great doing it, but now it's come back on him. You don't get away with anything. Your sins find you out.