

Rulers

We were singing: “We sing for joy in Your presence...”

Appointed Times

When we come to the minchah and sing songs like that, songs about Him, when we sing directly to Him, this is our praise in our heart that we give to Him, our thanksgiving. We have to sing with our heart and mind upon Him and upon nothing else. That’s the minchah, an acceptable sacrifice.

Mal 3 — The refining process, the work in us continues, until we give acceptable sacrifices. It’s not acceptable unless our heart and mind is completely on Him. Sometimes we don’t give acceptable sacrifices. If we sing with all our heart and strength, if we sing as loud as we can with music in our vocal cords this wonderful beautiful song, then He’ll receive it as a sacrifice of praise. This is the fruit of our lips, as we’re commanded as priests to give (Heb 13:15).

The minchah is all about hearing from our Father, from the Holy Spirit. Ex 29:42 — Our Father said, “I’ll meet with you and speak with you at the appointed time.” It’s a moed. We’re always on time when our Father wants to meet with us. If we respect Him we’ll be there. The priests of old were always there. In the world there are all kinds of problems about being on time. Almah told me that her mother just wouldn’t be on time. We have the opportunity twice a day to be saved from these iniquities in us that cause us to be late. We would never be late for the minchah. When the shofar sounds we’re dressed and ready. When our Master comes back we have to be dressed and ready and not doing something else in the wilderness. We have to overcome this iniquity. The minchah teaches us this. I’m thankful we can get over these iniquities in us.

Social means living together in community. There is no place to develop socially except in community. In the world you can learn about social things, about being social, but you can never put them in practice, except in community. We have to grow up in all aspects of our personality. Our Master was social. He was a social being. We have to grow up to be like Him. We all come from different walks of life, different backgrounds, different social make-ups.

Up until now we’ve had hundreds of people come to hear. We talked to many. A few out of thousands responded to the shepherd’s voice. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one. I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me. Whoever is willing to do My Father’s will, will know.” How else could we be possibly saved, except by being willing to do our Father’s will. People who aren’t willing won’t hear. They won’t be like Abraham. They have their own agenda.

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2 Sam 23:5 — “For this is all my salvation and all my desire.”

Verses 3,2 — This is what the God of Israel said. He who rules over me must be just. Otherwise he doesn’t have long to live. That’s what the word “must” means.

Rulers are responsible for how they make decisions. They make decisions based on what they see in the sheep’s heart, but not rash judgments, quenching the sheep. They judge with righteousness. They don’t judge by what they see and hear, but they see the sheep’s heart. They rule in the fear of YHWH. They will be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, when the tender grass springs out of the earth, through sunshine after rain (verse 4).

Verse 5 — “Is my house not so with God? This is my salvation and all my desire that this would happen. Will He not make it increase?”

Verse 6 — But it comes down to the son of rebellion or worthlessness. A person comes in who is rebellious. Anyone who is worthless is rebellious. Rebellion and worthlessness is the same thing. It’s the same word, the same character. Satan is Belial. He is worthless, good for nothing, and rebellious. A worthless son is a rebellious son and a rebellious son is a worthless son. This is a hundred times out of a hundred.

You don’t keep thorns. You thrust them away. They are worthless. You throw them into the fire to be burned. Why? They can’t be handled. They can’t be taken in hand. There is no way you can get into their life. You

can't talk to them about their life, about what's in them, about what's keeping them from repenting and making them cowards. They are cowards (verse 7). They'll be utterly burned.

That's how it is with so many people. Thousands have been in our midst, in our communities all over the world. They got baptized but then you can't handle them. You try to get into their lives, their inner workings. But there is no way you can delve into their life, dig into the root of whatever is at work there. They get offended and angry. They hold a grudge and start talking about you and stirring up dissension in our midst. This always happens to a worthless, rebellious son. You just can't get into their lives. You can't deal with them. That's the word.

We have to be like an open book. We can't be offended when someone asks us about our life, so that salvation could come to us, when a shepherd comes, a ruler, who is like a sunshine after the rain.

ha-Emeq — In Reuben we were talking about rulers. King David, one of the greatest men that ever lived on the earth, spoke about rulers in his last words. If we just could find rulers it would be like the sunshine after the rain. It also talks about rulers in Isa 32. It is the most beautiful thing the way it is described there. It is like a song. If *only* we could have rulers like that, just, righteous rulers. They'd be like a shelter from the wind, a refuge from the storm.

To have such rulers was the heart of our Father. He wants someone to rule with Him. He saw that characteristic in Jacob when he wrestled with that messenger. He saw that tenacity, that he didn't give up. "I'm going to change your name." It just gushed out of that messenger of God, that angel. Israel, ruling with Elohim. I've got a ruler.

The edah is a ruler factory. It makes rulers. Israel means ruling with Elohim forever and ever. The sons of Elohim are rulers. They are like the sunshine after the rain, like a shelter from the storm, like a drink of water. Our father knows how that feels to shelter from wind and storm.

All salvation is to make rulers. Isa 32:1 — Behold a king will reign justly. We're sons of that royal court. You better don't think anything else. That's rebellion, worthlessness. Verse 2 — Each one of them shall be like a hiding place from the wind and a shelter from the storm... (Amplified Bible). The hiding place comes then when each and every one of us is not thinking one worthless thought, because that's rebellion.

Our Father doesn't have worthless, rebellious sons. We're chosen. He is training each and every one of us to be rulers in the eternal age and He wants us to be rulers in the next age. But even if He can't get us for the next age He will have us in the eternal age. He'll get to those thorns so we can be handled. He has to have rulers to rule the universe. There'll be no end to the increase of His rulers. There'll be a continual increase all through the universe. It has to begin with little ole' us, but we can't think of little ole' us. We were chosen for something great. Whoever doesn't want to rule over galaxies won't. We want what our Father wants. We are sons of the ruler.

The thorny flesh has to be cast off. If we cut our thorns off we can be healed, saved. We're in training. We need to know this. Without vision we'd perish, go unrestrained. Our soul has to be purified. We have to be just like our Master. Let all the future rulers of the universe step forth.