

The Melting Pot, Part 2

Baruch – I was thinking about what ha-emeq was reading this morning in 2 Cor 5:15 – *“And He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”* You can tell the ones who are letting themselves be melted into the pot. They’re the ones who aren’t living for themselves anymore. It’s something we can take identity in or not, but it will be revealed someday whether we lived for Him or for ourselves. I’m thankful our Master died for us so we could have the opportunity to no longer live for ourselves.

D’ror – We have to come here with an empty slate and let our Father teach us everything. It’s a good place to be, when we don’t know a thing – a place of surrender.

Ayelet (Kharash) – When we jump into the melting pot we’re not just melting into nothing when we lose our identity, but we’re taking on His identity and becoming His people. That’s what He always wanted – a people He could use to communicate through to mankind.

ha-emeq – 2 Cor 5:17 was the most exciting verse I learned when I was first saved, *“Therefore if any man is in Messiah, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”* When I first heard that it made me so happy; that I could be a new creation! I could say, “All things have become new,” instead of saying, “I am my own slate – my own style of clothes, my own hairdo, my way of thinking.” I was so glad I could say my past was all gone when I received the gospel! It’s exciting to see what comes out of the pot. We’ll become new if we jump into the pot like Baruch shared about this morning. If we do, then we’ll see a new creation.

Haninah – The important thing about what we’re talking about is to see the value of what’s on our slate. I’ve come to see that before I came to the Community what was on my slate wasn’t worth a thing. When I met Messiah and my slate was wiped clean I saw that my new life was worth everything to me. If we see this we’ll let ourselves melt in the pot and take on our Master’s life.

For many years we went to the comfortable pot once a week. Instead of living in the hot, uncomfortable pot we lived in the lukewarm, comfortable pot which can’t refine anyone. You can’t be refined unless you are in the hot uncomfortable pot. I’m thankful we live in the hot pot and we’re not going to get out until our Master returns. Then we’ll see if all those things came out in the hot pot, not the lukewarm, comfortable pot where our flavor remained the same – our own distinct job, our own style of clothing, our own hair style – what a mess! Our Master said that someday He would spew the lukewarm, comfortable pot out of His mouth. I’m thankful we can be in the uncomfortable, hot pot.

Bakhirah – I’m thankful we can be in the middle of the pot where it’s hot, not just around the edges where it gets warm, but it doesn’t melt and we won’t be purified.

Recently we saw two brides being prepared. They gave themselves to the purification process so they could be white and bright for their king, with all their spots and wrinkles removed. I’m thankful we’re being prepared in the same way as our Master’s bride.

Bynah – We sang a song this morning that said, “I have a cause to forget my sorrow.” I was thinking that if we always see our brothers and sisters in a certain way and don’t allow them to change, we can hold on to a list of offenses and not see them the way our Father sees them. If we harbor something in our hearts against someone then He can’t entrust His Spirit to us, because He knows we won’t represent Him rightly.

Savav shared something this morning about if we see a brother coming from the kitchen with a piece of bread with butter on it and we go into the kitchen and find a dirty knife and crumbs on the cutting board, that we’d think the best of our brother, so that the next time it happens we don’t think that’s just the way he is without taking the time to find out what happened. So the next time you could say, “Would you like me to clean up your mess?” Then the brother says, “I was walking through the kitchen and this sister was cutting bread for her children and she gave me a piece.” You ask, “Where is that sister now?” And the brother says, “She’s disciplining one of her children.” We might assume a person is a certain way if we don’t take the time to find out what the real story is.

It's wonderful that a person would find out what's right instead of harboring something in his heart towards someone. Then his sins will pile up as high as heaven. He'll find the truth out at the judgment seat and he'll be gnashing his teeth because he harbored something against his brother. Can't we just think the best and clean up the mess?

Chayeh – I'm so thankful for what I'm hearing. It reminds me of what we heard yesterday; that if we are thrown up in the air that what's real will fall at our Master's feet and everything else will be blown away. Sometimes we don't see people as they really are. Everything we do and say is all according to our heart. I'm thankful there's depth here and we're not just shallow and see on the surface of everything, but we see as our Master sees. And when we see something in our lives that needs to change we just need to be true and talk about it and have true honesty about everything.

Derusha (from Sus) – This morning when we talked about people that leave I was thinking that some are here *among* us, but they are not *of* us. They didn't take on our Master's heart. The anointing comes from the Holy One and it teaches us to know what's true. It's the word that comes from our brothers and sisters and if we receive it we can change. I'm thankful for the heart of our Father.

Elishevah of Israel – I'm seeing from what I'm hearing and from what's happening in the world how important it is for us not to divide from our brothers and sisters for the sake of the people out there, the ones who need salvation. We have to lift up clean hands or He can't hear us. He can't do what He wants to do on the earth without His holy people.

The first church started out on a good foundation — on our Master Yahshua. And Paul was building on that foundation when he said; *"I want all the men in every township (wherever there's a church) to lift up holy hands without any wrath or dissension."* It was the fulfillment of what our Master prayed (for unity) before He was taken away to be crucified.

There should never be any denominations; a divided Messiah cannot save anyone. I'm thankful He's restoring what was the first expression of the Body of Messiah on earth. Twelve tribes are going to be raised up in the last days and the gospel will be preached as a witness. It won't be a divided Messiah. There's no salvation except in Him. The "other" gospel is a deluding spirit. We want to pray for those people who are under a delusion (but aren't satisfied), whether they're Muslims or Christians. The Christians are probably more deceived than the Muslims – they're in a stupor. Maybe some can come out.

We come here every morning and evening just like the first Edah did until the religious system developed. Centuries later Luther tied it to the state. He started killing people who were against him, as if that is what our Master would do. We don't pick up the sword (though our Master brings a spiritual sword). We're not divided, but we're one. When we pray our Father will answer our prayers if we're not divided, if we're one man in the melting pot.