

The Church is Messiah's Body

Baruch — As we were finishing up the house downtown I had to make some phone calls. Some of the people I talked to were brothers, some outsiders. The outsiders didn't understand why I wouldn't answer the phone tomorrow. But then there was Isaac in the far corner of Gad. They were getting ready to enter the Shabbat. I talked to someone in Vista. They were getting ready to enter the Shabbat. As a nation we are entering into the Shabbat all over the earth. We are gaining revelation. Special meals are being prepared because something special is happening. We don't keep the Shabbat as individuals, one or two people or as a family, like we said last week, but as a people. I am grateful for that.

Zakar — We have a reality to celebrating the Shabbat. We are not just resting on a certain day. We enter in because we want to see the Shabbat age coming. We want to know more about life, about our created purpose. We are entering into the Shabbat, looking for an age without evil. We have friends that enter in with us. It's not just a tradition we keep because we have been taught that. We love our Master. Our brothers and sisters all over the world are doing it. We are working together for this goal of bringing about the Shabbat age.

ha-êmeq — I am thankful for what we heard last night about our Master coming like a dayspring from on high, the rising sun that will orient everyone who sits in the shadow of death (Lk 1:76-79). To sit in the shadow means that something covers you so the sun can't shine on you. The sun will shine to give knowledge of salvation to His people through the forgiveness of their sins.¹

Shealtiel asked, "What does it mean that Christians want the blood without the Body and hippies want the Body without the blood?" We want the Body *and* the blood. Blood means forgiveness. Christians wanted the blood without the Body. They say that it's wonderful to be forgiven. Hippies speak about their wonderful community. "What about your sins?" They didn't want to admit they were sinners. They didn't want to deal with their sin. So their communities were a hotbed for evil. They couldn't have the Body without forgiveness. Just get a bunch of unforgiven people together and see what happens. They'll form cliques. They'll hold grudges.

¹ See August 7, 2003, Evening Gathering, Peace River Farm in Arcadia, Florida: *The Sunrise from on High* (2003.08.07-P01).

For us the blood is so important. It's the whole reason we're here tonight. Anyone who doesn't realize his need for forgiveness every day can't praise our Father. We come here to praise our Father. We are engaged. We don't just come because it is time for the gathering.

Psalms 92 is for the Shabbat. That's when we sing it. David wrote it just for the Shabbat. That's what we do on the Shabbat. We give thanks, sing with musical instruments.... I love to see everyone jump up to dance, sing, celebrate. We are all engaged — those who can recognize the wonders of our Father that we can be forgiven. We are still on the path of righteousness together. We are still best friends. We are like flowers, responding to the sun, opening up, praising our Father. This is how we lived our whole life this week, and when we end up on the Shabbat we are so thankful. We have both — the blood and the Body. This makes us totally fulfilled. We are not starving for one or the other. To have the Body without the blood, like the hippies wanted, or the blood without the Body, like Christians want, doesn't work.

Almah — We walk around with this hope in us, the promise that was given to Abraham, to be delivered from darkness, to serve Him without fear. The only way the underworld can be overcome is by us continually receiving revelation. I want to keep my heart in a place where I can receive revelation. I want the daylight to shine on me. When the sun comes over the horizon it is so amazing the patterns of light it casts. In North Germany the sun didn't shine very much. When it did, everyone came out to see it.

The revelation we must come to is to understand who we are. "Who We Are" — we put that on our papers. A lot of us haven't come to the realization of who we are. Eph 1:22 — Through us He'll put all things under His feet. The Spirit in us empowered us to put all things under His feet so He could return.

The Edah is Messiah's Body. That demystifies the Body. It's the Community. This is the completion of Him. The Edah is the Body of our Master Yahshua. He is not complete without us. That makes us His wife. The wife completes the man. Without a wife it would be useless to do what He did on earth. It would be in vain if He only has Christianity. He wants a people that belong to Him, His very Body. This is the completion of Him, His fullness, for the Godhead to dwell in.

Rev 21:9-12 — The wife — He showed him the twelve tribes of Israel, which is the wife of the Lamb. These twelve tribes will be in twelve geographical areas with many communities, as many clans as possible.

Heb 10:13 — He is waiting. He just sits there. Acts 3:21 — Heaven holds Him. He couldn't come back even if He wanted to until His bride is perfectly prepared and ready. That's who we are. That's what we are laboring for.

Heb 4 — They didn't believe. They didn't keep the Shabbat by faith. They kept the tradition of the Shabbat that made it hell on earth. I am thankful our Father gave us understanding and revelation. Old Israel didn't do it. It was left for another people. The First Edah didn't do it. In the days of the ten kings everything will be restored. We're the Body of Messiah. We're His people.

Ex 31:12-13 — The Shabbat is a sign to show you that YHWH has made you His own people. We can celebrate that day. The sun is down. The Shabbat has begun. He is not complete without us. The Edah is the Body of Messiah. Look up the word *body*. A body is tangible, visible, something you see. There is no mystical body. There is no body anywhere you can't see. "I can tell you what you are like by your behavior." We have to put all the enemies under His feet that keep us from being His completion.

Obadiah — Our Father is the Creator. Who is like Him? No one comes even close. He created the most amazing things, things so wonderful and awesome and so far beyond comprehension that it has not entered into a man's heart or imagination. It seems that all of this should be more than enough to establish Him in everyone's mind as God. But here is the most amazing thing of all and that is that all of this is not enough for Him to prove His worthiness to be God. He considers Himself as having failed as God if He can't win the heart of His highest creation — man. Now that really does something to me, to my heart. It is so amazing how He is, the things that really matter to Him, the great lengths He went to in order to obtain what He desires, to get what really means something to Him. He made a self-cursing oath, which means He will cease to exist if He can't obtain it. I want to please Him. We have such an awesome God. We want Him to get what He desires.