

Keeping on Course

There are certain types of people in every community who are often considered the “least” who will never be leaders, but whom we ignore to our peril. They have peculiarities that tend to make us look down on them or fail to appreciate and listen to them. They are a test for the five or ten-talented ones to see whether they will hear from the least, or make them feel like jerks (excuse the expression).

So, we really have to pay attention to these kinds of people. We always have certain types of people that certain people despise and never listen to. We have to listen to everyone. Because a person has a peculiarity or aberration of some type (they’re not perfect in every way) we cast them off. So who’s the greater? They’re greater than you because you don’t listen to them. That’s your aberration, but that’s not obvious maybe to everyone except our Father. He looks at it as the greater sin.

That’s why we’ll have farms some day and places where such people are not in the public eye, but they’re doing what our Father has given them to do, where their gifts and abilities are applied on the farm. They are not necessarily out in the public eye all the time with evangelism and so on, but they have a function in the Body. We appreciate all the one-talented ones who make up the greatest part of the Body. So we just need to listen to the least of the brethren. It’s easy to push people away. That’s why we have the parables in Lk 19:11-26 and Mt 25:14-30, describing those that grew up in every aspect into the Head according to their abilities; according to the faith they had were rewarded. Listening to the least means listening to their specialty. It’s the only way we can stay on the concourse.

In Deuteronomy 8 it says He let them go through great testing in every way, so that they could find out what was in them, so they could get it out of them, so that it wouldn’t go into the Promised Land. The greatest test is coming when we get prosperous.

Shoresh — The test is that our sons and daughters don't have the attitude, when they start a new industry, to say, "I gotta have a truck." They have to pray for a truck. If they don't have that attitude, then we have missed it.

The Word has saturated Yônêq's heart. The Word is infectious. It is what has to take over and dominate. That is my marked impression when I hear what we need to have. We are commanded to pray that our faith would increase. What our Father is persuaded about has to increase in us, so that we can see beyond all these struggles and testings.

Aharon — Hearing what Yônêq was saying the other day about discretion, I see it all fitting together. What it speaks to me is that the big test about coming into prosperity is that we would not lose our dependence on our Father. We have to depend on Him and listen to Him every day. When the prosperity comes, and we haven't been trained in that, and trained our children in that, then we will all be swept away, for there will be too many things to depend on.

I guess it spoke to me deeper than it has before, that in Proverbs 2 there is a progression to follow; it says "Do this" and then you will receive that. I guess you could say that if you don't do those things you will be dependent on someone else. It can come down to something as simple as whether you listen to the right thing or the wrong thing. It seems like listening is a light thing, but it is really the essence of the spiritual battle we are in, and what the enemy opposes us in.

Ps 16:3 — "As for the saints (the set apart ones) they are the excellent ones (the "majestic ones" in some translations) in whom is all my delight." He has delight in nothing else on the earth except in us, His majestic ones. That is how He regards us. Then, in Pr 2:11, it speaks about discretion, "Then discretion will preserve you and understanding will keep you..."

That is the concourse; that is keeping on course. Then, after seeking for these things (in the first few verses of Proverbs 2), He is a shield to those on the way, on the concourse. He is a shield to those going together on the course, on the concourse. It goes well with them. If a child honors his parents, it will go well with him. If not, our Father will not be a shield to him and protect him. He preserves the way of His saints, His majestic ones in whom is all His delight. In Pr 2:8 it says, "He guards the path of His

saints... Then you will understand righteousness and justice and discretion will guard you. Then He will keep you...”

There are going to be a lot of people who will try to speak perverse things to take us off course. There are going to be those among us who have discernment, and they are our protection. The man who speaks perverse things — we have to be protected from that. To leave the path of the righteous is to leave the concourse. Those who leave the paths of uprightness and who rejoice in doing evil and who are devious in their paths... “To deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who forsakes the companion of her youth... None who go to her will return.”

The people who have gone that way will not return. There is no use praying for them. “None who go to her return, nor do they retain the paths of life.” “For the upright will dwell (remain) in the land.” They will dwell in it and remain in it. They won’t be ousted from it. Those who aren’t righteous, who aren’t upright and therefore not protected, will be ousted from the land. (It is not *earth* as some translations say, but *land*.) The faithless will be uprooted from us.

This speaks about the Edah, the concourse. This is where we dwell, live, and remain. I don’t know if we are through or not, but we have tried to give you as much as possible in order to go home and present it in a godly way. I don’t know anything you don’t know. I don’t have anything up my sleeve. We want you to know everything that we know, for we are all in it together. I have seen many so-called leaders who have a so-called “ace up their sleeve.”